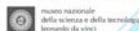


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# THE REAPPEARANCE OF THE DANTON

## PRESS CONFERENCE 'THE REAPPEARANCE OF THE DANTON'

**Thursday 19 February 2009 at 10h00 – Milan, Via Olona 6b  
Museo Nazionale della Scienza e della Tecnologia Leonardo da Vinci - Sala Conte Biancamano**

**Galsi Spa**, the company responsible for developing and constructing a new gas pipeline that will link Algeria and Italy, via Sardinia (per the Intergovernmental Agreement between Italy and Algeria signed 14 November 2007) and **Fugro**, leading international provider of specialist technical services for investigating the earth's surface, the sea bed and the soil and rocks beneath, are witnesses to a sensational discovery:

**The French battleship Danton**, launched in 1909, torpedoed and sunk in 1917 in the seas of the south of Sardinia, has been relocated and identified using Fugro's sophisticated survey technology during preliminary investigations along the proposed route of the Galsi submarine pipeline.

**Today we present what happened and release for the first time striking images from one thousand metres below the sea.**

Recounting this fascinating discovery, speakers at the conference are:

Roberto Poti	President, Galsi Spa
Mohamed Yousfi	Managing Director, Galsi spa
Derek Cruickshank	Commercial Director, Fugro Rovtech Limited, Aberdeen, UK
Michel L'Hour	Director, Department of Underwater Archaeological Research, French Ministry of Culture
Olivier Laurens	Commissioner General, French Navy

Galsi Spa, a special project company incorporated in 2003 to promote and manage construction of a new trunk line to import natural gas from Algeria to Italy is owned by a consortium of energy enterprises: Sonatrach (41.6%), Edison (20.8%), Enel (15.6%) and Gruppo Hera (10.4%), plus Sfiris the regional financial institution of Sardinia (11.6%).

Galsi aims to provide the Italian and European market with a new and alternative source of natural gas supplies and is committed to identifying the best engineering solutions to complete this important task, guaranteeing total respect for the environment and ensuring the most harmonious coexistence between pipeline infrastructure and ecosystem.

Galsi is the initiator of the design for the deepest gas pipeline in the Mediterranean that will have a length of 850Km, will reach a depth of 2824 metres below the sea and will carry a new source of energy to Italy.

As part of a programme of detailed investigations, designed to protect the environment, Galsi engaged the expertise of **Fugro**, a leading international group of companies with over thirty years experience of using state of the art technology to study and map the earth's surface, the sea bed and the soil and rocks beneath, with a successful track record in the Mediterranean Sea.

The rediscovery of the Danton is news of international, historical, cultural and environmental interest. We wait for you....

NB After the Press conference, if you wish, three guides, Italian, French and English will accompany guests to visit the interior of the maritime section of the museum and exhibitions of the works of Leonardo da Vinci.

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