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GLNG[®] Environmental Impact Statement to be released for public comment

The Queensland Government has advertised the release of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the multi-billion dollar GLNG[®] project, the world's first major project to convert coal seam gas (CSG) to liquefied natural gas (LNG).

The GLNG project will pipe gas from fields near Roma in south east Queensland via a 435 kilometre pipeline to a liquefaction plant on Curtis Island, off Gladstone, from where it will be shipped to Asian markets.

GLNG President Rick Wilkinson said GLNG was the first major integrated CSG-to-LNG project to release an EIS for public comment – an important step in the environmental assessment process for the project.

“This comprehensive document will be made available on Monday 22 June. It is the result of almost 18 months of investigations by environmental and other specialists to examine the impacts and benefits of the GLNG project,” he said. “At almost 13,500 pages of general and technical information, the GLNG EIS assesses the project impact from our gas fields near Roma, to the proposed plant on Curtis Island.”

The EIS examines the impacts and benefits of the three major project components:

- Coal seam gas fields (near Roma)
- Transmission gas pipeline (435km pipeline connecting Roma to Curtis Island)
- LNG liquefaction and export facility on Curtis Island

Mr Wilkinson said the Coordinator-General had reviewed a draft of the EIS to ensure that it sufficiently addressed the terms of reference, and to allow assessment of the project to progress to a new public consultation stage.

“This important stage of public consultation is a major milestone for the project.”

“The development of the GLNG project will see the creation of thousands of jobs in regional Queensland and bring long-term benefits to the communities in which we are working, from our coal seam gas fields around Roma to the site of the LNG plant in Gladstone.”

“Up to 6,000 jobs would be created in the development of the three train LNG plant outlined in the Environmental Impact Statement.”

“GLNG will now commence a fourth round of full public consultation meetings and briefings throughout the State.”

“To help make the EIS easier to navigate, Santos and PETRONAS have developed a summary handbook for stakeholders, which is designed to sit alongside the EIS.”

“This handbook outlines key findings in the EIS, but importantly, refers interested members of the public to the sections of the EIS in which they can find further information on specific topics, such as water management, bird species, or economic benefits for the regions.”

The executive summary of the EIS can be viewed from Monday 22 June online at www.dip.qld.gov.au/projects under the project name. The complete EIS and the Summary Handbook can be viewed at www.glng.com or via www.santos.com and is available for review from 22 June to 17 August 2009 at the following display locations:

- Roma Regional Council Offices, Cnr Bungil & Quintin Streets, Roma
- Santos Ltd Offices, 39 Currey Street, Roma
- Santos Ltd Offices, 114 Goonoon Street, Gladstone
- Gladstone Administration Centre, Gladstone Regional Council, 101 Goonoon Street, Gladstone
- Banana Shire Council Chambers, Cnr Kroombit & Prairie Streets, Biloela
- Dalby Customer Service Centre, Dalby Regional Council, 107 Drayton Street, Dalby
- Santos Ltd Offices, Level 14, Santos House, 60 Edward Street, Brisbane
- State Library of Queensland, Cultural Centre, Stanley Place, South Bank, Brisbane.

An executive summary of the EIS or a DVD containing the EIS will be available on request. Please contact the GLNG freecall number on 1800 761 113 for further information.

About GLNG

GLNG is a multi-billion dollar project set to deliver the world's first major coal seam gas (CSG) to LNG operation. The project involves extracting gas from the Surat and Bowen Basins in Queensland's south-west, and piping it 435km to Gladstone where it will be chilled to minus 161 degrees Celsius and liquefied for transport by ship to overseas markets. PETRONAS, Malaysia's national oil company and the third-largest LNG producer in the world, took a 40% interest in GLNG on 29 May 2008. This year, GLNG was the first major integrated CSG-to-LNG project to submit its Environmental Impact Statement. GLNG is a 60/40 joint venture between Santos and PETRONAS.

About Santos

Santos is a major Australian oil and gas exploration and production company with interests and operations in every major Australian petroleum province and in Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Vietnam, India, Bangladesh, and Kyrgyzstan. Santos is one of Australia's largest domestic gas producers, supplying sales gas to all mainland Australian states and territories, ethane to Sydney, and oil and liquids to domestic and international customers. Through its interest in the Darwin LNG project, Santos is already a producer of liquefied natural gas which is exported to customers in Japan.

More information on Santos may be obtained at www.santos.com

About PETRONAS

PETRONAS, short for Petroliaam Nasional Berhad, is a leading oil and gas multinational based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. PETRONAS is a fully-integrated oil and gas corporation and is ranked among FORTUNE Global 500's largest corporations in the world. PETRONAS has projects and operations in more than 30 countries worldwide, including several strategic businesses in Australia. PETRONAS is the world's third-largest producer of LNG, and the largest in Asia.

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