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Please find attached a media release made by Australia Pacific LNG today on the above subject.

Regards

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## Media Release

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# Australia Pacific LNG marks start of operations

Australia Pacific LNG today marked the transition from project to operations with a tour of the LNG facility on Curtis Island by the Queensland Premier as well as representatives from all levels of government, industry and the community.

Australia Pacific LNG has shipped six LNG cargoes from the LNG facility this year, hailing the arrival of the business as a key player in the global energy market and the largest producer of natural gas in eastern Australia.

Australia Pacific LNG Chairman Mr Grant King, said, "Australia Pacific LNG, which recently commenced the export of LNG to its customers in Asia, actively demonstrates what can be achieved collectively when strong partnerships are forged.

"One of Australia Pacific LNG's defining characteristics has been the tremendous level of support the project has enjoyed not only from its customers but also from landholders, local communities and businesses, regional, national and international suppliers, and local, state and national governments.

"Of course, Australia Pacific LNG would not have been possible without the skill and dedication of the project's workforce, which included more than 15,000 people from regional Queensland and around the world during peak construction.

"Australia Pacific LNG forms part of a burgeoning, long-term export industry for Queensland and Australia, with associated flow-on benefits from on-going employment and opportunities at regional, state and national levels," Mr King said.

Australia Pacific LNG Chief Executive, Page Maxson, said today's tour of the LNG facility provided the joint venture with the opportunity to recognise the support and contribution of all stakeholders.

"We have been very fortunate to have many supporters across Queensland and Australia, working with us tirelessly to together bring the CSG-LNG industry to life in Queensland. I'd particularly like to thank all levels of Government, our landowners, community members and businesses," Mr Maxson said.

Australia Pacific LNG was formed in October 2008 and is a joint venture between Origin (37.5%) ConocoPhillips (37.5%) and Sinopec (25%).

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#### About Australia Pacific LNG

Australia Pacific LNG Pty Limited is an incorporated joint venture between ConocoPhillips (37.5%), Origin Energy Limited (37.5%) and Sinopec (25%). The Australia Pacific LNG project includes the development of Australia Pacific LNG's substantial coal seam gas resources in the Surat and Bowen Basins, a 530 km transmission pipeline, and a multi-train LNG facility on Curtis Island, near Gladstone. www.aplng.com.au

## **Background**

### Fast Facts:

- Curtis Island LNG facility comprising two processing trains, each with a production capacity of 4.5 million tonnes per annum
- Seven new gas processing facilities, two new water treatment facilities; and two new pipe line compression facilities
- 730 kilometres of high pressure pipeline, including a 530 kilometre main expert pipeline
- 78% of contracts during construction awarded to Australian companies
- \$41.6 million in community investment made during the construction period

### Major Project Milestones:

2008		
October	Origin and ConocoPhillips form Australia Pacific LNG - Australia's largest CSG to LNG Joint Venture	
2010		
January	Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is lodged with the Queensland Government	
March	Queensland Coordinator-General releases the Project EIS for public comment	
November	Australia Pacific LNG gains Queensland Government environmental approval	
2011		
February	Australia Pacific LNG gains Federal Government environmental approval	
April	Australia Pacific LNG and China Petroleum & Chemical Corporation (Sinopec) sign agreements for the supply of 4.3 million tonnes per annum (mtpa) of LNG for 20 years	
July	Australia Pacific LNG Board provides approval for the Project to proceed with the first LNG train and ground is broken on the Curtis Island site	
December	The first CSG well is successfully spudded	
2012		
January	Australia Pacific LNG and Sinopec sign agreements for the supply of an additional 3.3 million tonnes per annum (mtpa) of LNG through to 2035	

June	Australia Pacific LNG and the Kansai Electric Power Company sign an agreement for the supply of 1 million tonnes of LNG per year for 20 years	
July	The Australia Pacific LNG Board approves a second LNG train on Curtis Island. The Project's Social Impact Management Plan (SIMP) gains Queensland Government approval	
August	Construction starts at Condabri South, the first of seven new gas plants to built	
September	Construction of the main pipeline between the gas fields and Curtis Island begins near Miles	
2013		
April	The first LNG modules are unloaded on Curtis Island.	
June	The roof is raised on the first of two LNG storage tanks on Curtis Island	
2014		
April	The final "golden" construction weld is completed on the main gas pipeline	
June	Hydrotesting of LNG tanks on Curtis Island commences	
December	The last of 69 LNG facility modules arrive on Curtis Island	
2015		
February	First gas arrives at Curtis Island via the fully commissioned main transmission pipeline.	
April	Gas turbine power generators begin providing electrical power to the Curtis Island facility	
July	Refrigerants are loaded on Curtis Island enabling the start of final commissioning and start up preparations.	
August	Completion at Combabula marks the end of construction for seven new gas processing facilities that also include Reedy Creek, Condabri Central, North and South, Orana and Eurombah Creek.	
December	First LNG production on Curtis Island	
2016		
January	First LNG export cargo departs Curtis Island aboard the <i>LNG Methane Spirit</i> (January 9)	