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Australia Pacific LNG lodges draft Environmental Impact Statement with Queensland Government

Australia Pacific LNG has today lodged its draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for its coal seam gas to liquefied natural gas project with the Queensland Government.

The EIS will now be assessed by the Queensland Government for compliance with the Terms of Reference set by the Coordinator-General prior to its release for public consultation at a future date.

The EIS addresses the project's maximum development case and covers the gas fields in southern central Queensland, the 450km gas transmission pipeline and a four-production-train LNG plant near Laird Point on Curtis Island in Gladstone.

The Australia Pacific LNG EIS includes an assessment of the cumulative impacts of the proposed CSG to LNG industry on the communities within the Project area.

"The lodging of our draft EIS is another milestone in our progress towards a Final Investment Decision," Project Director Todd Creeger said.

Australia Pacific LNG has undertaken extensive public consultation on the project as part of the EIS process over the last 12 months and will conduct further public consultation, including further public meetings in affected areas, once the document is released for public comment.

The Final Investment Decision by Australia Pacific LNG on the project is expected by December this year with the first gas expected to be exported in late 2014.

In a first for an EIS in Queensland, the document will be available to the public in a fully-interactive format on the Internet once it has been released by the Queensland Government.

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About Australia Pacific LNG

Australia Pacific LNG is a 50:50 joint venture between Origin Energy and ConocoPhillips which combines Origin's 13 and ConocoPhillips' 25 years of CSG experience, as well as ConocoPhillips' 40 years experience in operating and developing LNG facilities. Australia Pacific LNG is already producing almost 40 per cent of Australia's total CSG production to meet domestic market requirements. Australia Pacific LNG holds the largest CSG reserves in Australia. APLNG's project stretches from the Surat and Bowen Basins along a 450km pipeline to a site at Laird Point on Curtis Island off Gladstone. Origin is Australia's largest integrated energy company and ConocoPhillips is a leader in the development of LNG projects internationally including the existing plant in Darwin, Australia. Website: www.aplng.com.au