

WESTERN GAS AND APA GROUP SIGN MOU TO ASSESS SUPPLY OF EQUUS GAS TO WESTERN AUSTRALIA AND EAST COAST VIA A TRANSCONTINENTAL PIPELINE

HIGHLIGHTS

- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed for joint development and marketing study to deliver Equus gas at competitive prices to Western Australian domestic gas customers and East Coast markets via a transcontinental pipeline.
- Equus Gas Project's certified 2Tcf gas resource (2C) can provide dedicated, long-term volumes to help meet predicted domestic gas supply shortfalls, as well as create a vital new source of gas for domestic and industrial customers in Western Australia and on the East Coast
- A new domestic gas supply will create new jobs, drive significant economic and social benefits, and increase national energy security

Western Gas, Operator and 100% owner of the Equus Gas Project, has signed an MOU with APA Group to undertake a joint development and marketing study to supply Equus gas at competitive prices to Western Australia and the East Coast via a transcontinental pipeline.

The scope of the study comprises a detailed assessment of development, commercial, marketing and regulatory aspects of the project, which will form the basis of an integrated bankable feasibility study.

The study is a key step in delivering a new and independent gas supply for Western Australia and East Coast gas customers.

The Australian owned upstream and pipeline projects would support long-term domestic energy needs, create new jobs, drive significant economic and social benefits, and increase national energy security.

The Equus Gas Project is a development-ready 2 Tcf gas and 42 MMbbl condensate (2C) project located offshore about 200 km north west of Onslow in Western Australia.

The independently certified low CO₂ Equus resource is sufficient to supply 350 TJ/d of gas for more than 15 years. This gas supply is equivalent to 35% of WA gas demand, 75% of New South Wales (NSW) gas demand or about 35% of the combined gas demand of NSW and Victoria.

Western Gas plans to develop the Equus fields via a 210 km offshore pipeline to the Ashburton North Strategic Industrial Area (ANSIA). Establishment of this offshore pipeline has the potential to enable development of other stranded gas resources, creating opportunities for additional gas supply into domestic markets and new value-adding gas-related developments.

Gas supply to the East Coast would be via an onshore transcontinental pipeline.

Equus provides the large scale, dedicated and proven gas resource necessary to support the development of the transcontinental pipeline and delivery of competitively priced gas to customers on both the West and East Coast markets.

COMMENT – WESTERN GAS

“We are delighted to be working with APA Group to advance an Australian resource for supply to Australian markets at an affordable price.

“This collaboration brings together our independently owned proven gas resource with APA’s long-standing expertise in pipeline construction and operation and its strong relationships with domestic customers and retailers.

“Expectations are that gas supply will tighten in East and West Coast markets from the mid-2020s in the absence of the development of new gas fields. Equus has the opportunity to meet those market needs, as well as create new gas supply opportunities independent of LNG focused developments.”

Andrew Leibovitch, Executive Director.

ABOUT THE EQUUS GAS PROJECT

The Equus Gas Project is a development-ready 2 Tcf gas and 42 MMbbl condensate (2C) project located offshore about 200 km north west of Onslow, Western Australia. The upstream development plan for the Project was completed in late 2019 by Western Gas and its development contractors McDermott and Baker Hughes. The initial phase of upstream development comprises three production wells linked by subsea infrastructure to a floating production storage and offloading (FPSO) facility. Processing on-board the FPSO will include gas dehydration, gas compression and condensate stripping for export. Dry sales gas will be transported from the FPSO via a gas export pipeline for onshore connection at the Ashburton North Strategic Industrial Area.

ABOUT WESTERN GAS

Western Gas is a Western Australian company focused on accelerating development of Australia’s known gas discoveries. Our strategy is to bring our flagship Equus Gas Project into production in the mid 2020’s and to continue to unlock the further potential of our extensive exploration portfolio.

ABOUT APA GROUP

APA is a leading Australian energy infrastructure business, which owns and/or manages and operates a portfolio of assets of around \$22 billion.

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