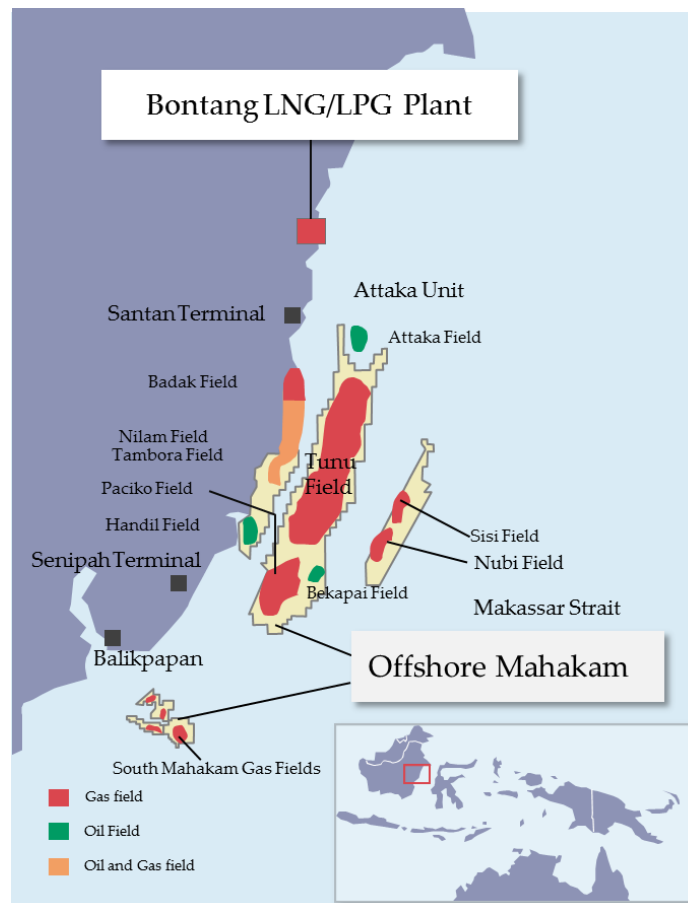


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**INPEX to Sign Heads of Agreement Addressing Participation in
the Offshore Mahakam Block, Republic of Indonesia after 2018**

TOKYO, JAPAN - INPEX CORPORATION (INPEX) announced today that it has made the decision to sign a Heads of Agreement (HOA) with PT Pertamina (Persero) (Pertamina), Indonesia's state-owned oil and natural gas company and TOTAL E&P Indonesie (TOTAL), on the basic principles towards participating in the Offshore Mahakam Block (the Mahakam Block) after 2018.

INPEX is currently engaged in the development and production of oil and natural gas in the Mahakam Block in partnership with TOTAL, the operator. INPEX, together with TOTAL, has been in discussions with Pertamina and the Indonesian government authorities with the aim of extending or renewing the current production sharing contract (PSC) that expires at the end of 2017.



The HOA is in line with the press release regarding the Mahakam Block after 2018 by the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources (ESDM) of the Republic of Indonesia on June 19, 2015*. The HOA stipulates that the parties will hold discussions on matters including the smooth transfer of operatorship from TOTAL to Pertamina and the participation of TOTAL and INPEX in the Mahakam Block after 2018.

INPEX will work in close partnership with TOTAL and, in accordance with the HOA, continue to hold discussions with Pertamina and the Indonesian government authorities with the aim of participating in the the Mahakam Block after 2018.

The signing of the HOA will not impact the consolidated financial results for the year ending March 31, 2016.

***From the ESDM press release of June 19, 2015**

- Pertamina will be the operator of the Mahakam Block with a 100% interest. After that Pertamina may reduce its interest (share down) to other parties.
- The Indonesian parties: 70%, TOTAL and INPEX: 30%
- TOTAL and INPEX will discuss the transfer of management of the Mahakam Block with Pertamina.

About the Offshore Mahakam Block

INPEX entered into the PSC of the Offshore Mahakam Block with the Indonesian Government in October 1966, wherein INPEX currently retains a 50% participating interest. The remaining 50% is held by TOTAL, the operator. The venture subsequently made a series of discoveries in the Bekapai (oil), Handil (oil), Tambora (oil and gas), Tunu (gas), Peciko (gas), Sisi and Nubi (gas), as well as the South Mahakam (gas), fields, each of which has continued to produce crude oil and natural gas for more than 40 years.

The crude oil and condensate produced from these fields are shipped mainly to oil refineries and power companies in Japan by tanker from the Santan and Senipah terminals. Most of the natural gas is supplied to the Bontang LNG Plant, and then shipped as LNG to customers in Japan and elsewhere.

About INPEX

INPEX CORPORATION is Japan's largest exploration and production (E&P) company, comparable in size and scope to other mid-tier international oil and gas E&P companies.

INPEX is currently involved in over 70 projects across more than 20 countries, including two large-scale LNG Projects, the Ichthys LNG Project in Australia and the Abadi LNG Project in Indonesia, as operator. Through sustainably growing its oil and gas development business, INPEX aims to become a top class international oil and gas E&P Company following the majors by the early 2020s. For more information, visit www.inpex.co.jp/english/index.html.

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