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## **INPEX Supports Local Indigenous Businesses in Australia's Northern Territory Through Ichthys LNG Project**

[INPEX CORPORATION](#) (INPEX), Operator of the Ichthys LNG Project, and its joint venture participants established a new partnership with the Northern Territory Chamber of Commerce and Industry<sup>\*1</sup> and the Northern Territory Indigenous Business Network (NTIBN<sup>\*2</sup>) to support local Indigenous businesses in order to build their business capabilities.

Through this partnership, INPEX provides funding for the annual membership of NTIBN businesses to the Chamber of Commerce. This support ensures that local Indigenous businesses including those engaged in the construction of the Ichthys LNG Project can access a range of services and events held by the chamber including workplace health and safety programs and training and networking opportunities.

The partnership also complements the work undertaken since 2013 by the Ichthys LNG Project and the Industry Capability Network Northern Territory<sup>\*3</sup> to establish an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Business Directory. This Directory facilitates the Project in matching its contracting opportunities with Indigenous businesses. To date, 43 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses have been engaged in over 100 different work assignments for the Ichthys LNG Project, greatly enhancing the Ichthys Project's outreach to the local business community.

INPEX is committed to supporting the local economy, including local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses.

- \*1: The Chamber of Commerce NT is an independent, not-for-profit, non-governmental body established in 1957. It is the largest employer association in the Northern Territory.
- \*2: Established in 2009, NTIBN provides business support, services, policy input and advice, networking opportunities and promotion for Northern Territory businesses.
- \*3: The Industry Capability Network was created in 1984 as an independent organization financially supported by the federal, state and territorial governments in Australia and New Zealand. ICN is a business network that matches local suppliers and service providers with hundreds of projects, and currently operates offices in every state and territory in Australia and New Zealand.



Sandra Mattiazzo from an NT indigenous company provides security services for lay-down yards.



Brad Roe from an NT indigenous company repairs and services vehicles.

### **About INPEX**

INPEX CORPORATION is a worldwide oil and gas exploration and production company based in Tokyo, Japan, with more than 70 active projects across 27 countries. Since 1966, INPEX has steadily expanded its business in Japan and in other parts of the world, from its core business areas in Australia and Indonesia to the Middle East, the Caspian Sea region, the Gulf of Mexico and North and South America. For more information, visit [www.inpex.co.jp/english/index.html](http://www.inpex.co.jp/english/index.html).

### **About the Ichthys LNG Project**

The Ichthys LNG Project is a Joint Venture between INPEX group companies (the Operator), major partner TOTAL and the Australian subsidiaries of Tokyo Gas, Osaka Gas, Chubu Electric Power and Toho Gas. Gas from the Ichthys Field, in the Browse Basin offshore Western Australia, will undergo preliminary processing offshore to remove water and raw liquids, including condensate. The gas will then be exported to the onshore processing facilities in Darwin via an 889km pipeline. The Ichthys LNG Project is expected to produce 8.4 million tonnes of LNG and 1.6 million tonnes of LPG per annum, along with approximately 100,000 barrels of condensate per day at peak. Detailed Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) of the Ichthys LNG Project is ongoing and production is scheduled to commence by the end of 2016.

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