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Toho Gas in agreement with Ichthys project for LNG purchase and for equity participation

Toho Gas Co., Ltd. (" Toho Gas "), together with Chubu Electric Power Co., Inc. , today has entered into a sale and purchase agreement with Ichthys LNG Pty Ltd for a purchase of LNG produced at Ichthys LNG project in Australia.

Toho Gas, through its Australian affiliates, has also concluded an agreement with INPEX Ichthys and affiliates in INPEX Group to acquire a 0.42% equity interest in the project.

In the Ichthys LNG project, natural gas will be produced from the Ichthys gas and condensate field offshore Western Australia. The produced natural gas will be transported to onshore processing facilities to be built in Darwin, Northern Territory, for refining and liquefying. The project, with the total annual LNG output of 8.4 million tons, is scheduled for launch in the fourth quarter of 2016.

Outline of the Agreements

1. LNG Purchase

Seller : Ichthys LNG Pty Ltd, 76% owned by INPEX Holdings Australia Pty Ltd
(subsidiary of INPEX Corporation) and 24% owned by TOTAL E&P Holding Ichthys
(subsidiary of TOTAL)

Buyer : Toho Gas Co., Ltd.

Duration : 15 years commencing 2017

LNG volume : 280,000 tons per annum

Delivery : FOB (Buyer arranges LNG transportation to its receiving terminals.)

2. Equity Participation

Seller : INPEX Ichthys and affiliates in INPEX Group

Buyer : Toho Gas Ichthys Pty Ltd and Toho Gas Ichthys Development Pty Ltd

Ratio of Equity Participation : 0.42% of the project

LNG purchase and equity acquisition from the Ichthys LNG project will contribute to stable LNG procurement of Toho Gas for the future.

Overview of Ichthys LNG project

- (1) Gas and condensate fields: Block WA-37-R located offshore Western Australia
- (2) Location of liquefaction plant: Darwin, Northern Territory
- (3) Liquefaction capacity: total 8.4 million tons per annum
(two trains, each with 4.2 million tons per annum)

Locations of gas field and liquefaction plant

