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## **World's largest semi-submersible platform arrives in Australian waters**

The INPEX-led Ichthys LNG Project is celebrating the safe arrival of its central processing facility (CPF), the world's largest semi-submersible platform, in the Australian waters of the Browse Basin today.

The massive CPF (named the Ichthys Explorer) weighing 120,000 tonnes and with topsides measuring 130 metres by 120 metres, reached her final destination, 220 kilometres off the north coast of Western Australia, where she will be located for 40 years.

"The safe completion of the 5,600 kilometre tow of the Ichthys Explorer from South Korea to the Ichthys Field, located 450 kilometres north of Broome, is another significant milestone for the Ichthys LNG Project," Mr Louis Bon, Managing Director, Ichthys LNG Project stated.

"The successful 34 day tow is a tribute to our world-class processes and the commitment of our personnel from around the globe" Mr Bon said.

After the Ichthys Explorer is safely moored in the 250-metre deep waters of the Ichthys Field, hook-up and commissioning will begin.

The CPF is the central hub for initial offshore processing of all well fluids delivered from an extensive, 130-kilometre network of subsea well infrastructure.

Gas from the CPF will be sent through an 890-kilometre subsea pipeline to the onshore LNG facility, at Bladin Point, near Darwin for processing.

Most condensate and water from the CPF will be transferred to a nearby floating production, storage and offloading facility (FPSO), the Ichthys Venturer.

"The Ichthys LNG Project include some of the world's largest and most advanced offshore facilities with a continuous operating life of 40 years," Mr Bon advised.



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### **About INPEX**

INPEX CORPORATION is Japan's largest exploration and production (E&P) company, and a mid-tier E&P player just behind the world's oil majors. INPEX is currently involved in approximately 70 projects across more than 20 countries, including the Ichthys LNG Project in Australia, 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 and continue providing a stable and efficient supply of energy to its customers. 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 project led by INPEX (Operator, participating interest: 62.245%) alongside major partner TOTAL (participating interest: 30%), and the Australian subsidiaries of CPC Corporation Taiwan (participating interest: 2.625%), Tokyo Gas (participating interest: 1.575%), Osaka Gas (participating interest: 1.2%), Kansai Electric (participating interest: 1.2%), JERA (participating interest: 0.735%) and Toho Gas (participating interest: 0.42%) that involves liquefying natural gas lifted from the Ichthys Gas-condensate Field offshore Western Australia at an onshore gas liquefaction plant constructed in Darwin, Northern Territory, and producing and shipping approximately 8.9 million tons of LNG and approximately 1.6 million tons of LPG per year, along with approximately 100,000 barrels of condensate per day at peak. The Ichthys LNG Project is a large-scale LNG project by global standards, and is expected to be operational over a period of 40 years. In 1998, INPEX acquired an exploration permit in the block where the project is located, and following development studies including exploration, evaluation and FEED work, the company announced its final investment decision (FID) in January 2012.