

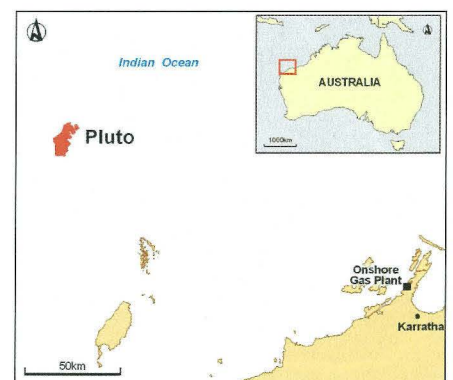
Woodside And Kansai Ink 15-Year LNG Gas Deal

Woodside Energy and one of Japan's major electricity suppliers, The Kansai Electric Power Company, have signed an agreement for the supply of between 1.75 MMT and 2 MMT of LNG a year over 15 years from Woodside's 100%-owned Pluto gas field on the North West Shelf.

The agreement covers supply from the end of 2010, on an ex-ship basis, with an option to extend supply by five years. The agreement provides for Kansai Electric to purchase a 5% equity interest in the Pluto development.

Woodside Chief Executive Officer, Don Voelte, said an LNG sales and purchase agreement was expected to be negotiated by the end of 2006 and would be conditional on a final investment decision by Woodside, due in the second quarter of 2007.

Voelte said Woodside was delighted to welcome Kansai Electric as a foundation customer for Pluto. "Woodside and Kansai Electric have enjoyed a long and beneficial relationship through the North West Shelf Venture and we look forward to furthering this relationship through Pluto."



Kansai Electric has more than 35,000 megawatts of electricity generating capacity and more than 13 million residential, commercial and industrial customers.

Premier and State Development Minister, Alan Carpenter, said the agreement would further strengthen WA's trade relationship with Japan. "Japan remains WA's largest export market in terms of export dollars, surpassing \$10 billion for 2005", he said.

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Carpenter said the Pluto project promised significant benefits for WA and the rest of the nation over the life of the project. "Based on similar projects, Pluto is expected to generate more than \$15 billion in Gross State Product, more than 3,000 direct and indirect jobs, over \$200 million in State revenue and more than \$2 billion in Commonwealth revenue", he said.

He said WA was experiencing a petroleum bonanza with the level of committed projects rising from \$10 billion to \$27.2 billion in two years. "LNG is WA's second most valuable petroleum product after crude oil. The volume of LNG sales reached more than 11.2 MMT in 2005 compared with 8.7 MMT in 2004."

The Pluto LNG development is based on the Pluto discovery, 190 km northwest of Karratha in permit area WA-350-P. The field was discovered in April 2005. ■