Northern Territory Welcomes Inpex

The Inpex LNG project took another significant step forward today with the President of Inpex Mr Kuroda and Northern Territory Chief Minister Paul Henderson officially opening the company’s new office in Darwin.

The Japanese oil and gas exploration and production company will be based in the Mitchell Centre in the CBD.

“The establishment of an office in Darwin marks an important development milestone, highlights Inpex’s commitment to the Territory and further strengthens our relationship,” Mr Henderson said.

“Having Inpex base an office in Darwin is a significant step for the gas processing plant project that represents a $12 billion investment in the Territory, providing an estimated 2000 jobs at the peak of construction and a further 300 operational jobs.

“Inpex will also work with the Territory Government’s Northern Territory Industry Capability Network to ensure local industry participation in supplying goods and services for the project to create more work for Territory companies and Territorians.

“Darwin is well placed as a site for the Inpex gas processing plant. We offer all the advantages of a capital city, as well as developed infrastructure and a deep-water harbour.

“The Territory is a can-do place and together we will continue to work with Inpex to deliver a project that will help us withstand the impact of the global financial crisis and secure the future for Territorians and their children.”

In January this year, coinciding with the Chief Minister’s trip to China and Japan, Inpex announced it would proceed with the final design and engineering process for the Darwin plant, before a final investment decision to proceed with building the plant.

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