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Gas Plant Construction Set to Start

The Territory Government has given development consent for the multi-billion dollar Ichthys gas plant at Blaydin Point. This follows the announcement last week that the Ichthys Final Investment Decision is locked in.

Acting Chief Minister Delia Lawrie today also announced that an offer for a Crown Lease on the project site had been made. This will enable construction of the LNG onshore processing facility at the Blaydin Point site, provided the project meets the conditions set.

Ms Lawrie said the two announcements were important milestones for the Ichthys Project.

“The Ichthys Project is the second-largest private investment in Australia’s history,” Ms Lawrie said.

“The local economy is set to benefit with jobs for Territorians and significant opportunities for local business.

“The Territory Government has approved the Project’s proposed gas development on Blaydin Point, which means the path is clear for the start of work on site.”

At the peak of construction, a workforce of approximately 3000 will be needed to build the onshore facilities, which include an LNG plant, a condensate plant, product loading jetties and a 300-megawatt power station.

Ms Lawrie said those interested in boosting their skills and shaping their careers will also benefit.

“There will be education opportunities with the new North Australian Centre for Oil and Gas at Charles Darwin University and the Larrakia Trade Training Centre,” she said.

“Today’s Year 12 students, apprentices and trainees could be working as engineers, tradesmen and project managers when the gas plant begins operating at the end of 2016.”

“These milestones meet key objectives of the Territory Government’s 2030 economic sustainability plan, securing new private sector investments to drive economic growth and expansion and establish Darwin as a key centre for oil and gas operations, maintenance and workforce.”
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