MAJOR MILESTONE FOR ICHTHYS PROJECT

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The Ichthys Project has reached another major milestone, with stage one of the worker’s village at Howard Springs officially opening its doors today.

Chief Minister Adam Giles said stage one will house up to a thousand workers, with the rest moving in as the other stages are finalised.

“The Manigurr-ma Village will be able to accommodate up to 3500 workers by the middle of 2014, and includes a 50-seat cinema, swimming pool and internet café,” Mr Giles said.

“Around 60 per cent of the $260 million capital expenditure for the workers village has been committed to local contracts.

“The Ichthys project is the Territory’s largest oil and gas investment and Japan’s biggest offshore investment anywhere in the world.

“More than $5 billion is forecast to be spent by the project in the NT.

“The Government and the community are please to support the investment being made in the Territory under the project.

“Today’s village opening is further evidence the Territory is open for business and fully embraces the LNG industry.”

Construction began in 2012 and the Territory Government is helping local industry make the most of the substantial opportunities the Ichthys project will bring.

Around 90 per cent of the 400 people currently working on village construction are from the Territory.

The Ichthys Project is focussed on making the most of local employment opportunities.

In line with this, the Village operator ESS Larrakia is holding regular job information sessions in the greater Darwin area to give prospective local workers an opportunity be part of the estimated 200 person team that will operate the village 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

“Congratulations to ESS Larrakia on being awarded the accommodation facility operation and management contract, and the many staff that will work on the job,” Mr Giles said.

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