There are now more than 2,000 people working on the Ichthys Project's onshore LNG facilities, with the majority hired from the Northern Territory.

As the Project moves towards the peak of its busiest phase, construction, its ongoing commitment to employment and training remains strong, as does its desire to partner with local businesses.

Last month, three Territory-based businesses won four contracts for work on the Project that will create about 70 new jobs for Territorians.

Manufacturing contracts for 670 tonnes of steel platforms, ladders and electrical and instrumentation supports were awarded to Monadelphous, MMC Australia Pty Ltd and EC&E Pty Ltd (NT).

The contracts, valued at $8.06 million, are to be delivered from October 2013 through to December 2014.

Sometimes big parcels of work like this are difficult for local companies to carry out. Our main onshore construction contractor, JKC Australia LNG Pty Ltd, undertook a review of some of its subcontracts, brought two of these forward and split them into smaller packages, making it easier for local business to compete for the work.

This outcome for Territory-based businesses is the result of a team approach to maximising Ichthys Project opportunities. The Project has been working with the Northern Territory Government, Chamber of Commerce NT and the NT Industry Capability Network to maximise prospects for Territory-based business.

Thanks for continuing to share the roads with us and keeping safety front of mind. With a lot of people on the road, this 90-day look-ahead gives you an indication of what you can expect from Project transport over the next few months. For more detailed, specific and frequent Project transport information, head to the website or drop us a line.
On the land

Home (and) away from home
You may have recently heard, seen or read that we’re getting closer to opening the state-of-the-art accommodation village at Howard Springs for the Ichthys Project’s fly in-fly out (FIFO) workforce.

Based on community and government feedback, the village was designed so that peak construction-period workers would be living near enough to Darwin to be involved in the local community and economy, but at the same time at such a distance as to minimise their impact on the local housing market and key services.

With commissioning activities underway, gardens being landscaped and furniture moved into position, the carefully designed village is getting ready for its first thousand guests.

Developing in four phases, about 3,500 FIFO workers will eventually call the village their second home, along with about 50 ESS Larrakia management and staff.

Check out the Ichthys Project website for a sneak peek of the village.

Sharing the roads
When our accommodation village opens, there will be a gradual introduction of about 24 buses to take our first villagers to and from Blaydin Point. Some buses will also take workers to and from park and ride locations or even shopping centres on rest days.

As part of its commitment to maximise safety and minimise public inconvenience, the Project chose to use buses to limit the increase in traffic on Darwin’s roads that would be associated with all of our workers using cars.

Bus routes and schedules were carefully developed in our transport management plan to take major roads wherever possible and to try and avoid schools, drop-off and pick-up times and peak hours.

In June, the Project had a successful village bus run trial with some guests from government and the community.

In other transport news, we continue to engage with the community on road movements associated with different parts of the Project – especially in relation to safety.

The Project recently talked to people who might be impacted by both the start of some scheduled trucking from quarries for our gas export pipeline and large pipes and materials being brought in via road on trucks (and on sea) for the module offloading facility and jetty (see story on page 3).

You can download more information on all of these items from the Project website, including the weekly JKC ads that used to appear in the NT News. If you don’t have access to the internet, let us know and we’ll find a convenient way to get them out to you.

Employment enquiries
Did you know that JKC has an office in the Darwin CBD?

If you have an employment enquiry and are comfortable with the internet, go to www.ichthysjobs.com to register your interest. If you have any difficulties or want to speak to someone face-to-face, please drop in to the Construction Employment Mobilisation Centre at 22 Mitchell Street from 10am to 4pm, Monday to Friday, or call (08) 8980 9999.
MOF and jetty

The team at BAM Clough will soon be well into its work on two key pieces of Project infrastructure at Blaydin Point: the module offloading facility (MOF) and jetty.

What is the MOF?
The MOF is a temporary structure used for offloading large items of equipment and modules from ships. In our case, the large items are very heavy “process and utility modules” that make up the LNG plant, which will then be put together to create the onshore gas processing facility. The largest module to be offloaded will weigh about 6,500 tonnes. The Ichthys Project MOF will be about 160m long and 65m wide, and extend from Blaydin Point a short way into the harbour.

What is the jetty?
The jetty will enable gas to be exported from the onshore gas processing facility to large LNG vessels and then delivered to our customers. The Project’s Y-shaped jetty will have two legs, 680m and 630m long, one for LPG export and one for LNG export.

What do I need to know?
Work on both the MOF and jetty has started.
Activities will include road and marine transport of equipment and personnel, environmental monitoring (including diving), marine works within the harbour and onshore works at Blaydin Point.
With an increased number of large and small vessels arriving in the harbour, it’s important that everyone remembers to observe the 250m Marine Safety Zone. We don’t want to stop anyone using the harbour for recreational activities, but safety of harbour users comes first.
The Project team has been talking with the Darwin community about the works for a while, including the testing and monitoring of noise impacts. Feel free to contact us at any time if you have questions.

Environment

With dredging wrapped up until the start of the wet season and nearly half of scheduled works completed, the Ichthys Project would like to pass on some positive results from our marine monitoring program.

• With about 43 per cent of planned dredging completed as of May 2013, the results of the Project’s 13 monitoring programs indicate that impacts are either in line with or less than original predictions
• First season water quality monitoring shows dredging has resulted in plume dispersal less than predicted from modelling studies
• The Project has discovered a diversity of fish and insects, including 59 new taxonomic records for mangrove habitats in the harbour, including 12 crustaceans, 14 molluscs, 17 worms, 11 ants, 3 fish and 2 other invertebrates
• Continuous monitoring of the harbour started after the approval of our Environmental Impact Statement with a baseline study in May 2012. The program, in its current form, is scheduled to finish towards the end of 2014
• The Ichthys Project releases detailed, scientific information publicly. Monitoring results, including more than 50 reports and a flyer on the information above, are available online at www.ichthysproject.com

Safety zone - Let’s work together to keep our waterways safe

• Please stay 250m away from dredging vessels, equipment and the construction activities near the module offloading facility and jetty at Blaydin Point. It is for your and our team’s safety
• Always check for hazards and safety zones in Notice to Mariners at www.darwinport.nt.gov.au
• Keep a good look out, particularly for new buoys in the harbour
• Be aware of night lighting on channel markers, vessels, obstructions and buoys
• Don’t navigate between the orange flashing lights on floating equipment
• Never anchor in the shipping channel.

To find out more about safety information please visit our website at www.ichthysproject.com
In the community

It’s been a busy couple of months for the Project in the community.

In June, we were proud to be a part of great local events like the Starlight Children’s Foundation Star Ball, Surf Lifesaving NT’s Territory Open Paddling Series, the Barunga Festival and the Palmerston Open (for all the golf lovers).

July looks to be just as exciting, with the Project throwing its full support behind NAIDOC Week activities – including the big Top End NAIDOC Ball. We’ll also be supporting the annual Darwin Harbour Clean Up Day.

INPEX, operator of the Ichthys Project, launched its first Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) in June and held an event in Darwin to celebrate.

RAPs are public documents outlining measurable commitments companies will deliver on to contribute to reconciliation. INPEX’s RAP outlines the company’s plans and vision, and practical actions it will take to build strong relationships and enhance equality and respect between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians. The document can be found on the INPEX website at www.inpex.com.au

Throughout July, our regular, ongoing catch-ups with the community continue as part of the Project’s commitment to pass on information and get your feedback. If you’re shopping at Coolalinga, Humpty Doo, Palmerston or Howard Springs this month, please stop by and say hello at one of our drop-ins, or even visit our tent at the Royal Darwin Show in a few weeks.

Ichthys Project milestones

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