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OPPORTUNITIES FOR TERRITORY BUSINESS IN NEW LNG PLANT

The door to new opportunities for Territory business has been opened with the announcement that the US $5b BP Tangguh LNG project in Indonesia has been given the green-light, Business and Industry Minister Paul Henderson said.

BP’s Tangguh LNG project, situated about 3000 km east of Jakarta in Papua and 1200 km north of Darwin, is being built in a remote and undeveloped site where there is little infrastructure or industry support.

“Darwin is the closest location with its own gas industry, we have a secure and stable environment, a deep sea port, and strong rail and road links with the rest of Australia, making a strong case for Darwin to be a service and supply base for this massive venture,” Mr Henderson said.

“Territory businesses have proved their capability in the construction of the LNG Plant at Wickham Point, with about $260M of work going to local companies, and about 48% of people employed at the site Territorians.

“The Territory Government has been in discussions with senior officials from BP Indonesia for a number of years, actively promoting the potential for Darwin to be a supply and service base throughout the life of the project, so the green light is good news for the Territory.”

It is estimated that business opportunities will include a need for site accommodation, food supply, waste collection and removal, medivac services, training, construction of infrastructure.

“Several Northern Territory and Australian companies have already carried out work for the project, including Kim Heng Marine and Oilfield, Thiess, Betapave and Ausco Building Systems,” said Mr Henderson.

“The Territory Government is championing small business, backing them to grow, and we will continue to work with BP and its subcontractors to promote Territory business capabilities and skills to secure work on the Tangguh project.”

Territory businesses can contact the Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development’s Petroleum and Mining Support Division on 8999 7520 for assistance in contacting the project’s subcontractors.

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