



Gorgon Project Update

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Federal Environmental Approval for the Gorgon Development

The Gorgon Joint Venture Participants - Chevron, ExxonMobil and Shell - have welcomed a further step forward for the Gorgon Project.

The Federal Minister for the Environment the Hon. Malcolm Turnbull, has issued Australian government approval for the Gorgon Development Proposal on Barrow Island sourcing gas from the Gorgon Joint Venture resources located off Australia’s northwest coast.

Colin Beckett, Chevron Australia General Manager for the Greater Gorgon Area, speaking on behalf of the Joint Venture Participants, said that the Minister’s decision was a welcome outcome after four years of rigorous state and federal assessment which has produced a comprehensive environmental management regime.

“The Western Australian and Federal governments have provided an environmental management regime under which the project proponents, governments and community can continue working together to maintain the conservation values of Barrow Island while generating significant economic benefits into the future,” said Mr Beckett.

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“We believe it is important to take time to get this project right. We are doing as much work as possible to ensure Australia’s largest known gas resource is developed in an effective, efficient, responsible and internationally competitive manner,” said Mr Beckett.

This announcement is the consequence of extensive community consultation, the input of a wide range of local and global scientific expertise and the experience Chevron Australia has gained from operating Australia’s largest and oldest onshore oilfield on Barrow Island for more than 40 years.

The Gorgon Project, with an estimated resource base of more than 40 trillion cubic feet of gas and a nominal development life of around 60 years, is operated by the Australian subsidiary of Chevron in joint venture with Australian subsidiaries of ExxonMobil and Shell.



Leading Gorgon's Health & Safety Efforts

The Gorgon Project's new Health and Safety Team Leader, Ian Thompson has had few quiet moments since arriving in Australia in April to head the project's Health and Safety (H&S) team.

Ian brings a wealth of global expertise with more than 20 years' experience in the industry after a number of international postings including Russia, Egypt, Nigeria, and the Philippines.

"This is such a great experience for my family and I, as Australia's a great country and I'm really excited about working in Chevron with the Gorgon team," he said.

"Every project I have been involved in is unique and presents its own set of obstacles - so I'm really looking forward to Gorgon and working through the H&S challenges it presents."

Starting out as a Naval Architect with the UK Ministry of Defence, he moved to certifying authority Lloyds Register as a Marine Surveyor where he was first exposed to the energy industry.

From Lloyds, he joined British Gas as the Principal Safety Engineer which involved undertaking early safety case development before being posted to Egypt.

"I started with British Gas just after the Piper Alpha platform catastrophe, an explosion that engulfed the North Sea oil platform killing 167 people, which marked a significant change in the mindset of safety in the industry," he said.

Egypt also presented its challenges but also provided him with an amazing life experience which he shared with his family.

"This was a fantastic time for us, but it was quite challenging working in a country that had a different level of risk awareness and safety mind-set which, in turn, made it more difficult to maintain corporate safety benchmarks," Ian said.

"This challenge was reciprocated in varying degrees when I was working with Shell and posted to Malampaya and then Nigeria where I headed the Bonny Terminal Upgrade Project."

Ian left Nigeria to join Chevron's Gorgon team and supervise the H&S team as it strives to ensure the company's operational excellence standards and incident and injury free (IIF) mind-set are aligned with the Project.

"We are currently focusing on safety engineering and feeding into the design process to ensure risks are kept as low as reasonably practicable from the outset of the project and during the early works program," Ian said.

"We are also having input into the investigative works program and planning practical site works to ensure safety procedures are in place for employees and contractors.

"As part of this we are working closely with the WA Oil team to ensure an IIF interface with WA Oil operations and future works relating to Gorgon."

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Apprentices experience Chevron Australia's values of partnership and high performance

A unique training program on Barrow and Thevenard Islands is laying a strong foundation for a future Gorgon Project workforce by providing more than a dozen apprentices with practical experience in the oil and gas industry.

The Gorgon Apprenticeship Program is currently providing 13 apprentices with experience in electrical/instrumentation or mechanical fitting trades as well as the opportunity to gain a formal process operations qualification over a five-year period.

The program is part of a broader agenda developed by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI), which established the Energy Apprenticeships Group (EAG) specifically to address the skills shortage problems in the oil and gas resources sector.

EAG is a collaboration between The Chamber of Commerce and Industry of WA, (CCIWA), Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association (APPEA) and the Australian Centre for Energy and Process Training (ACEPT).

Chevron is one of a number of host oil and gas companies involved in the program.

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Gorgon Operations Training Coordinator, Mike Jakins, said the program had a range of benefits, not only for the apprentices but also for the experienced workers who have taken on the important task of mentoring them.

"It has very much been a two-way street and the manner in which the apprentices have been mentored has ensured they feel part of the team", Mike said.

"There is no doubt the apprentices have benefited from the depth of experience and knowledge shared, and with their developing skill levels they are going to be highly sought after within the industry during their future careers."

Currently there are four apprentices in their first year, seven in their second year and two in their third year. Another four apprentices will start in 2008.

"It's fantastic - I wouldn't be doing anything else. I love the work and really feel part of the team," said 18 year old Matt Rickwood, an Electrical/Instrumentation & Process Apprentice from Bunbury.

"We had an initial settling-in period and since then things have run smoothly and we've fitted in well with the other workers. They're always willing to take the time to explain things to us and we're all keen to learn from them and do our best."



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Face to face support for growing exploration and development programs

One of the world's leading providers of products and services to the oil and gas industry has established a regional base in Western Australia.

Tenaris has chosen Perth to launch Tenaris Oceania - to be known as Tenaris Global Services Australia Pty Ltd- its first full time presence in the region, following successful work on a number of high profile resource projects, including the Gorgon Project.

Employing more than 23,000 people world-wide and with a combined production capacity of over 5million tons of Tubular products per annum, Tenaris is a manufacturer and supplier of tubular products and services used in the drilling, completion and production of oil and gas.

Tenaris Global Services Australia will provide "face to face" support to growing local exploration and development programs, according to Tenaris Global Services Australia Managing Director Luis Acevedo.

"We've committed these resources as part of our continued support of the oil and gas industry in this region.

"We're actively recruiting at the moment and will be moving to our new offices in West Perth by December 2007."

Luis said TGS Australia was looking to add value to its service in the region by providing Supply Chain Management services and training for clients in the area of running practices and material selection.

Australia would also look to jointly explore areas of cooperation in the development and application of new technologies with Gorgon Project Operator Chevron Australia, added Luis.

"These activities and projects complement our ongoing work with Chevron Australia to examine strategies for the introduction and implementation of environmentally friendly solutions like Dope-free running of tubulars, RFID technology for management of assets and recycling and disposal of thread protectors."

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Chevron is one of the largest integrated energy companies in the world, conducting business in around 180 countries and engaged in every aspect of the oil and gas industry, from exploration through refining to power generation.

Headquartered in Perth, Western Australia, Chevron Australia produces oil, condensate, liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), natural gas for domestic use and liquefied natural gas (LNG) for export. Chevron also operates significant exploration acreage located off the northwest coast of Australia.

Developing Vital Energy Resources



Chevron is building an internationally competitive natural gas business to supply energy to Australia and the world. Building on our significant exploration successes and excellent acreage position, Chevron is successfully pursuing additional exploration and development programs. We are seeking a number of new, professional personnel to explore, develop and manage this outstanding portfolio of opportunities within several teams and projects. Areas of growth activities include exploring on existing acreage, evaluating new venture opportunities, geophysical operations and processing, managing a very active drilling program, and the engineering of discovered resources through to development. Additionally, the Gorgon Project has several key positions available.

Opportunities available:

Exploration & Development

- Development Manager
- Subsurface Development Team Leader
- Exploration, Development and Operations Geologists
- Exploration, Development and Operations Geophysicists
- Senior Reservoir Engineer
- Titles Coordinator
- Geophysical HES coordinator
- Planning and Cost Engineers
- Pipeline Engineer

- Downstream Process Engineer
- Reservoir Management Information Architect Project Manager

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- LNG Plant Manager
- Integrated LNG Commissioning & Start-up Manager
- Lead Maintenance Engineer
- Downstream Project Engineer - Initial Works (Civil)
- Interface Coordinator
- Project Risk Engineer

Please visit the Chevron Australia careers website at www.chevron.au.apply2jobs.com for further information on current opportunities and to apply on-line



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