



INPEX IN THE KIMBERLEY

INPEX is active in a number of projects off the coast of Western Australia, and the proud operator of Ichthys LNG.

INPEX – our business in the Kimberley

INPEX, on behalf of the Ichthys LNG joint venture participants, is the proud operator of Ichthys LNG, one of Australia's biggest and most complex oil and gas developments. The Kimberley is the closest mainland region to the Ichthys gas and condensate field, located in the Browse Basin around 450 kilometres from Broome.

Ichthys LNG consists of two major offshore processing facilities, drilling operations, an 890 kilometre gas export pipeline and onshore LNG processing facilities located on the outskirts of Darwin in the Northern Territory.

Ichthys LNG commenced production in 2018. As of 1 October, Ichthys LNG has produced 204 LNG cargoes, 94 condensate cargoes (58 offshore, 36 onshore) and 54 LPG cargoes. The field condensate is shipped directly to international markets from the Browse Basin.

The Kimberley is an important logistics hub for Ichthys LNG offshore operations, supporting marine supply vessels and workforce transfers via helicopters to our offshore facilities and the drilling rig.

The first 18 wells in the Ichthys Field have been drilled, with up to 50 wells planned to be drilled over the life of the Ichthys development.

Maersk is contracted for the next phase of the Ichthys LNG drilling program, following five years drilling work undertaken by the Ensco 5006 drilling rig. The Maersk Deliverer arrived in the field in early 2020 and is an ultra-deepwater semi-submersible rig. Halliburton has also been awarded a contract to provide a drilling supplies service from new facilities in Broome to support the Ichthys LNG drilling program.

INPEX remains the largest user of the Port of Broome, with up to three vessel visits per week expected throughout the drilling campaign. INPEX is also in the approval process to undertake seismic survey work offshore, supported out of Broome.

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A workforce of up to 300 personnel are working on our offshore facilities, with up to 150 personnel working on both the Ichthys Explorer central processing facility and the Ichthys Venturer floating production, storage and offloading facility. This year's drilling campaign will bring an additional 180 workers offshore.

Ichthys LNG has been transporting personnel to the Browse Basin through Broome and the Dampier Peninsula continuously for many years. In April 2020, INPEX relocated personnel transfer operations from Broome to the Mungalu Truscott Airbase (Truscott) in a tightening of protections against COVID-19 spread in the Kimberley. These arrangements are part of our company-wide commitment to protecting the wellbeing of our people and of the communities in which we operate, particularly in the Kimberley.

During this difficult time, we take the health and safety of our personnel and communities in which we operate, and our economic contribution to Australia, very seriously.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the company set in place a number of different measures to keep people safe, working closely with Government authorities at the State and Federal level.

In late January 2020, the company activated its existing Pandemic Plan, and soon put in place:

- Dedicated COVID-19 Crisis Management Team
- Mandatory self-assessment questionnaire for personnel accessing INPEX locations in Australia
- Temperature screening
- Strict health and hygiene practices
- Clearly communicated travel restrictions
- Social distancing including working from home arrangements.

In July, INPEX commenced PCR testing as part of the FIFO DETECT Project for personnel travelling to offshore facilities. The testing among FIFO workers is the second pillar of the DETECT program, a joint initiative of the Department of Health and the WA research community.

These measures are supplementary to strict biosecurity measures in place at our production facilities at all times.

INPEX also has a joint venture participating interest in Prelude Floating LNG, which is operated by Shell, and is also located in the Browse Basin.

New Partnership with the Royal Flying Doctor Service

Medevac and Search and Rescue helicopter operations continue to be operated from Broome.

Recently, INPEX was proud to commence a partnership with the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) of Australia, who will provide medical evacuation (medevac) support for our offshore workforce.

The RFDS is an aeromedical service providing a 24/7 service to anyone in regional WA. It has a network of five bases across Western Australia in Broome, Meekatharra, Port Hedland, Kalgoorlie and Jandakot.

In the event of a medevac, the RFDS will provide a state of the art air-ambulance jet and medical staff to meet our medevac helicopter to take the patient to the most suitable hospital for treatment. The RFDS manages a fleet of 16 PC-12 aircraft, two Rio Tinto Lifeflight PC-24 jets and a third PC-24 jet which is being used for the INPEX partnership. The RFDS in WA is the first organisation in the world to use the PC-24 jets for aeromedicine.

The RFDS recorded its busiest year ever in WA in 2019-20, retrieving a total of 9,012 patients, and travelled eight million kilometres across WA and spent 22,000 hours in the air.



Supporting community at the grass roots

This year, INPEX and Ichthys LNG joint venture were pleased to support Kimberley-based organisations and initiatives through the 2020 public sponsorship application round.

Where activities needed to be postponed due to the COVID-19 measures, INPEX has provided in-principle support, and we are proud to support the following organisations and initiatives:

- Broome Community Resource Centre multifunction printer
- Broome Little Athletics mobile water unit
- Broome North Fishing Club's 2020 Gone Fishing Day kids' clinic
- Shire of Broome's 2020 Chinatown Christmas Trails
- 2020 Kullarri NAIDOC
- 2021 Taste of Broome festival (postponed from 2020)
- Broome Chamber of Commerce and Industry Business Excellence Awards 2020
- Through Kimberley Education Regional Office, website development supporting remote access for the annual West Kimberley Careers Expo and as a permanent resource for Kimberley-based students and job seekers.



Community enquiries

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In focus – The Normand Scorpion anchor handling vessel

The Normand Scorpion is one of the vessels that will continue to support INPEX operating out of Broome for the next phase of the drilling campaign. The 24,143 horse power anchor handling vessel commenced work with INPEX in 2017.

The Normand Scorpion can pull over 250 tonnes and is 87.4 metres long x 21 metres wide. It has 754m² available deck space for cargo, with accommodation for up to 40 people. Over the past four years, the Normand Scorpion has been extremely useful and is seen as the “swiss army knife” of support vessels.

The vessel deploys and retrieves the 20 tonne anchors that are used to moor the drilling rig including supply of equipment and materials required to drill and complete the Ichthys wells.

Remote operated vehicle (ROV) provided and operated by Total Marine Technology has been installed on the vessel and is controlled by ROV pilots located in the control room onboard. The ROV has a water depth rating of 3000 metres and can operate up to 350 metres from the vessel. The ROV is used to perform activities, such as subsea inspection scopes, and deployment and retrieval of specialist equipment, with the ability to function and test infrastructure installed on seabed.

In focus – Niall Weber, Broome Supply Base Supervisor

INPEX's Drilling Supply Base Supervisor Niall Weber, with his wife Sandie and daughter Madison, recently made the journey from Darwin to Broome, following border closures in Western Australia.

While the 14-day quarantine was challenging, the family were delighted to finally arrive in Broome to some familiar warm weather and to establish themselves in the community.

"Fishing, boating and camping are some of our favourite pastimes so we are looking forward to living in Broome which has similar lifestyle opportunities to Darwin," said Sandie.

Niall said that while it was a significant move for the family to leave Darwin, it was a good opportunity to live closer to the Drilling Supply Base in Broome.



"I have a pretty diverse role to manage and organise operations at the Supply Base to ensure all personnel, equipment and infrastructure are operating efficiently and activities are performed safely and accurately," said Niall.

"Some of my key activities include working with our contractors at Toll, coordination of supply vessel requirements in liaison with the Kimberley Port Authority and ensuring the delivery of fuel and other products from the supply base to the vessels at the Broome Port."

Broome is an important logistics hub for INPEX's offshore work, as the location for marine supply vessels along with our drilling supply base to support our key offshore drilling rig and facilities – the Ichthys Explorer central processing facility and the Ichthys Venturer floating production, storage and offloading facility.

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