Introduction

Territorians continue to play a central role in the ongoing construction of the Ichthys LNG Project’s onshore processing facilities at Bladin Point.

With the global Project approximately 80 per cent complete as at December 2015, about 3000 of the 7000 workers at Bladin Point are locals.

The Project is delivering significant economic benefits to the NT.

More than 1000 Territory businesses have secured 1100 contracts with the Project. About A$8.5 billion has been committed to Territory businesses during the construction period.

On site at Bladin Point, the construction activities continue to progress from a predominantly civils workforce focus to specialised mechanical and electrical works.

This will require more than 8000 workers on any given day, including many locals, as the Project reaches its peak construction phase next year.

Working closely with lead onshore construction contractor JKC LNG Australia (JKC), INPEX continues to ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples gain meaningful benefits from the Project.

More than 800 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, including 200 trainees, have been engaged in work to date. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander business are also benefiting, with 52 businesses engaged in work packages valued at more than A$100 million.

INPEX is continuing to build its Darwin workforce in preparation for the operational phase of the Project. The Project will be operating for at least 40 years, creating decades of job and business opportunities for the NT, with first LNG production now scheduled for late 2017.

We have continued to deliver sponsorship and investment partnerships across the Top End and we work closely with the community to keep you informed about the Project’s progress and activities.

As the Ichthys Project reaches its peak onshore construction period in 2016, we would like to thank all our business and community partners for their efforts and we look forward to continuing to work with Territorians to safely deliver this world-leading Project.

The Ichthys LNG Project is a Joint Venture between INPEX group companies (the Operator), major partner Total, CPC Corporation Taiwan and the Australian subsidiaries of Tokyo Gas, Osaka Gas, Kansai Electric Power, Chubu Electric Power and Toho Gas.

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Ten Territorians are more than half way to a new career in oil and gas thanks to a traineeship with INPEX’s Ichthys LNG Project.

The trainees, selected from a field of more than 1000 applicants nationwide, are undertaking a two-year traineeship that will see them qualified as Cert III in Process Plant Operations and be competent operations technicians in the LNG industry.

The traineeship is overseen by Australian Apprenticeships NT under a tri-party agreement between INPEX, the trainees and Charles Darwin University (CDU).

The trainees completed their theory studies at CDU’s North Australian Centre for Oil and Gas. INPEX contributed A$3 million to the construction of the centre to ensure Territorians have access to the training they need at home to fulfil a career in the oil and gas sector.

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INPEX expects to employ about 300 permanent staff during operations in Darwin and has a strong focus on building a local workforce.

Operations personnel are increasingly involved in local community events, including participating in information stands at events such as NAIDOC Week and the Skills, Employment and Careers Expo.

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Federal Minister tours LNG site

The significance of the Ichthys LNG Project to the future development of Darwin and northern Australia was highlighted in October with a visit to Bladin Point by the Minister for Resources, Energy and Northern Australia, the Hon. Josh Frydenberg MP.

It was the Minister’s first official visit to an LNG site in Australia since being awarded the portfolio in September.

“This is clearly a world-class project and what INPEX and the Project are doing is really driving the engine room of the Australian economy,” said Mr Frydenberg.
INPEX and the Project are committed to keeping the community informed about our construction activities. Community feedback lines, Project information bulletins and information stands at community events are just a few of the ways we keep the community up to date. This steady flow of information about our activities helps to minimise the impact on the community and maximise everyone’s safety.

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| Community feedback tools (INPEX managed) | General community | • Project updates  
• Job and business opportunities  
• Sponsorship opportunities  
• Traffic related matters | ~ 1000 enquiries | ~ 3000 enquiries |
| Community feedback tools (INPEX managed) | General community | • General issues  
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• Traffic related matters | ~ 120 calls | ~ 200 calls |
| 24-hour community feedback line (JKC-managed) – 1300 724 795 | General community | Job and business opportunities | More than 100 stakeholder updates | Around 200 stakeholder updates |
| Local employment / business opportunities information (INPEX and JKC) | General community | Job and business opportunities | • Local business registers  
• Construction Employment Mobilisation Centre shopfront in Darwin CBD  
• Ichthys LNG Project jobs website | • Local business registers  
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| Stakeholder information sessions and updates | All stakeholders | • Project updates  
• Job and business opportunities | Information stand at 4 events | Information stand at 5 events  
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| Project update materials (INPEX and JKC) | All stakeholders | • Onshore construction  
• Project activities including bussing  
• Sponsorship / community investment  
• ATSI newsletter? | • 18 JKC weekly bulletins  
• 2 INPEX Ichthys Project bi-monthly bulletins  
• 7 INPEX Ichthys Project TV and newspaper community ads | • 44 JKC weekly bulletins  
• 5 INPEX Ichthys Project bi-monthly bulletins  
• 15 INPEX Ichthys Project TV and newspaper community ads |
| Community partnerships, sponsorship and support | General community | • INPEX as a long-term member of the Territory community | • Investment in education and other partnerships  
• 10 sponsored events | • Investment in education and other partnerships  
• +10 sponsored events |

* Data as at 30 November 2015
In 2015, the Ichthys Project has continued its partnership with Tourism Top End to showcase the Territory’s fantastic tourism opportunities to the residents of the Project’s dedicated fly-in, fly-out (FIFO) workforce accommodation village at Howard Springs.

Mini-trade shows are held every two months at Manigurr-ma Village and are designed to encourage the FIFO workforce to make the most of all that’s on offer in the Top End.

Up to eight local operators, selected by Tourism Top End, are on hand at each event to showcase activities including fishing charters, luxury breaks, dinner cruises and local wildlife tours.

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A new structure has emerged on the Darwin skyline with the installation of a 30-metre tower in the East Arm industrial area, which has created local employment opportunities.

The communication and navigational tower has been constructed to support the Ichthys Project’s onshore facilities and features electrical and telecommunications assets including radio, GPS, RADAR and microwave communication links.

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Local businesses head to global conference

Territory businesses are playing a significant role in the Ichthys Project’s progress, with more than 1000 local businesses engaged to date.

INPEX and the Project are committed to ensuring Territory businesses benefit from the Project and are able to build their capacity and capability to access other opportunities in the oil and gas industry.

This year, the Project part-sponsored three local businesses to attend one of the world’s most renowned oil and gas events, the Offshore Technology Conference (OTC), in Houston, Texas.

Darwin-based businesses Redline Plumbing, ECB Training and MMC attended the event, accessing invaluable networking opportunities with global energy companies and gaining an insight into how well the local industry is positioned to benefit from the rapid growth of Darwin’s oil and gas supply sector.

This is the third year the Project has supported Territory companies attending OTC.

Showcasing local tourism

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In the community

INPEX and the Project are proud to be part of the Northern Territory community and to support community groups and organisations.

We’ve invested more than A$1.2 million in community initiatives in the Territory since 2012, including A$325,000 in 2015.

This year, INPEX has continued its long-standing partnership with the Northern Territory Thunder Football Club, which we’ve been proudly supporting since 2009.

The Project recently announced an exciting new A$100,000 partnership with the Palmerston Girls Academy to support school attendance and has continued to invest in many other community initiatives including the Darwin Festival, Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair and NT Training Awards.

NT Training Awards

The Ichthys LNG Project was pleased to support this year’s NT Training Awards – a partnership first established in 2010.

Held in August, this year’s event marked the 60th anniversary of the Awards which provide official recognition of individuals and organisations for excellence in training.

The Awards and the Project’s sponsorship assist in developing a skilled workforce with greater access to jobs and enterprise development.

Skills, Employment and Careers Expo

In August, INPEX sponsored the annual Northern Territory Government Skills, Employment and Careers Expo for the third year.

About 200 people – many of whom were students – spoke to INPEX Operations team members about the company’s employment opportunities and traineeship program.

Royal Darwin Show

INPEX and the Project held a number of information stands throughout the year, including at the Royal Darwin Show in July. INPEX and JKC representatives spoke with hundreds of visitors to the stand, discussing the Project’s onshore construction progress and employment opportunities into the operations phase.
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The Project was proud to sponsor the Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair for the third year in a row. The event showcases art from more than 50 Aboriginal art centres from across the country, representing 1800 artists. Proceeds from sales made at the event go directly to the Aboriginal-owned and operated art centres.

INPEX and the Project support and participate in a number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander events throughout the year, including NAIDOC day events and sponsorship of initiatives including the Association of Northern, Kimberley and Arnhem Aboriginal Artists (ANKAAA) Arts Worker Extension Program.

Continuing its commitment to building sustainable, mutually beneficial relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, INPEX and the Ichthys LNG Project recently launched a significant partnership with the Palmerston Girls Academy (PGA).

The Academy is run by Role Models and Leaders Australia and has been operating for four years across Rosebery Middle School and Palmerston Senior College. The program is designed to give Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander girls and young women intensive support to stay in school and reach their potential.

The A$100,000 partnership between INPEX, the Project and PGA will provide A$60,000 to fund initiatives aimed at supporting the retention rates and levels of attainment for students in Years 7 to 12. The remaining A$40,000 has supported the purchase of a mini-bus to help students get to school and support the program’s student cultural activities and excursions. Results have been significant for the students involved at Rosebery School, with attendance rates boosted from 30 to 90 per cent, largely resulting from the bus service enabling an easy point of transport to school for the students.

“As community neighbours for the next 40 years, this investment by the Ichthys LNG Project in the future of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young women is something we are very proud to support,” said INPEX Director Corporate Coordination, Mr Hitoshi Okawa.

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In October, the Ichthys Project supported the 7th Indigenous Economic Development Forum in Alice Springs, including a joint INPEX / JKC presentation on ‘Creating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander business opportunities on a major project’.

The forum is one of the largest Indigenous economic development specific events in the country and had more than 300 delegates.

Supporting local artists

Dora Grimme, ANKAAA Graduate, Waringarri Arts and Madeleine Challender, ANKAAA Operation.
Construction continues at Bladin Point

As 2015 comes to an end, so too do a number of work packages at Bladin Point.

As the Project continues its transition from a predominantly civils workforce to a focus on specialised mechanical and electrical works, the major civils packages known as CVL-3 will come to a conclusion in December. Hundreds of Territorians have worked on this important package and are to be congratulated for their involvement.

A new package of civil works set to start in April 2016 will create further employment opportunities.

The landscape continues to change on a daily basis at Bladin Point as the LNG trains take shape and work continues on the product storage tanks and the permanent operations facilities.