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INPEX-operated Ichthys LNG Project achieves important financial milestone

Perth, Australia – INPEX announced today that the INPEX-operated Ichthys LNG Project (the Project) has successfully achieved an important milestone with financial completion under its project financing agreements.

The achievement releases INPEX and its joint venture participants from completion guarantee obligations to the lenders of the Project.

A key part of financial completion involves satisfying a 90-day operational completion test where Operator needs to demonstrate the performance of the Ichthys liquefied natural gas facilities with the cumulative production volume calculated over the 90-day period continuously.

The Project's 90-day completion test ended successfully on 7 December 2019 with no shutdowns and having recorded a production volume well exceeding figures required by the project financing contract.

The timespan of approximately 14 months from the Project's first LNG shipment in October 2018 until financial completion is shorter than the average for LNG projects of a similar scale, which demonstrates how the Project's production ramp-up has been progressing smoothly and steadily.

INPEX will continue to lead efforts to sustain stable operations at Ichthys LNG with the understanding and cooperation of all its stakeholders, including the Project's joint venture participants, local communities, the Commonwealth Government and the governments of the Northern Territory and Western Australia.

Approximately 70 per cent of the LNG produced is scheduled to be supplied to Japanese customers. Through the Project, INPEX is poised to contribute further to the stable supply of energy to Japan and Taiwan while responding to energy demand in Asia and around the world.

The impact of this matter on the Company's consolidated financial results is nil.



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About INPEX

INPEX CORPORATION is Japan's largest exploration and production (E&P) company, and a mid-tier E&P player just behind the world's oil majors. INPEX is currently involved in approximately 70 projects across more than 20 countries, including the Ichthys LNG Project in Australia as Operator. Through sustainably growing its oil and gas development business, developing a global gas value chain business and reinforcing its renewable energy initiatives, INPEX aims to become a leading energy company and continue providing a stable and efficient supply of energy to its customers. For more information, visit www.inpex.co.jp/english/index.html.

About the Ichthys LNG Project

The Ichthys LNG Project is a project led by INPEX (Operator, participating interest: 66.245%) alongside major partner TOTAL (participating interest: 26%) and the Australian subsidiaries of CPC Corporation, Taiwan (participating interest: 2.625%), Tokyo Gas (participating interest: 1.575%), Osaka Gas (participating interest: 1.2%), Kansai Electric Power (participating interest: 1.2%), JERA (participating interest: 0.735%) and Toho Gas (participating interest: 0.42%) that involves liquefying natural gas lifted from the Ichthys Gas-condensate Field offshore Western Australia at an onshore gas liquefaction plant constructed in Darwin, Northern Territory, and producing and shipping approximately 8.9 million tons of liquefied natural gas (LNG) and approximately 1.65 million tons of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) per year, along with approximately 100,000 barrels of condensate per day at peak.

The Ichthys LNG Project is a large-scale LNG project by global standards and is expected to be operational over a period of 40 years. In 1998, INPEX acquired an exploration permit in the block where the project is located, and following development studies including exploration, evaluation and FEED work, the company announced its final investment decision (FID) in January 2012. Thereafter, following the construction of the required facilities, the Project commenced production of gas from the wellhead in July 2018 and commenced shipment of condensate and LNG in October 2018, and LPG in November 2018.