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To whom it may concern

Western Australian and Northern Territory LNG Producers applications for authorisation AA1000396—interested party consultation

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has received an application for authorisation from Chevron Australia Pty Ltd, Inpex Operations Australia Pty Ltd, Shell Australia Pty Ltd and Woodside Energy Limited (together, the applicants).

The applicants seek authorisation to discuss, make and give effect to arrangements regarding the sequencing and timing of scheduled maintenance and associated shutdowns and outages at liquefied natural gas (LNG) facilities in Western Australia and the Northern Territory. The LNG facilities form part of the Gorgon, Wheatstone, Ichthys, Prelude, North West Shelf and Pluto LNG projects, each of which involves the subsea extraction of natural gas, its processing and conversion to LNG for export.

The ACCC invites you to comment on the application for authorisation. Attached is a summary of the authorisation process including how to make a submission to the ACCC.

A copy of the applications for authorisation and an accompanying submission made by the applicants are available on the ACCC's website www.accc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister. Alternatively, you can contact Simon Bell on (02) 6243 1232 to obtain a hard copy of the applications and submission.

Request for submissions

The ACCC invites you to make a submission on the likely public benefits and effect on competition, or any other public detriment, from the proposed arrangements.

If you intend to provide a submission in relation to the application for authorisation, please do so by **27 October 2017**. Submissions should be emailed to <u>adjudication@accc.gov.au</u> with the subject 'AA1000396 – Western Australian and Northern Territory LNG Producers – submission'.

Alternatively, if you would like to provide comments orally, please contact Simon Bell on (02) 6243 1232 to organise a suitable time.

Submissions, including oral submissions, will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion (see the guidelines for more information https://www.accc.gov.au/publications/guidelines-for-excluding-information-from-the-public-register-for-authorisation-and-notification-processes)

Timetable

The ACCC will progress its assessment of the application in a timely manner. An indicative timetable is set out below for your information.

12 September 2017	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
10 October 2017	Public consultation process begins.
27 October 2017	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
October/November 2017	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
November/December 2017	Draft determination.
November/December 2017	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
January/February 2018	Final determination.

Please advise if you do not wish to make a submission at this time, but would like to be informed of the progress of the applications at the draft and final determination stages. If so please provide a nominated contact email address for future correspondence.

You can also forward this letter to any other party who may wish to make a submission to the ACCC regarding the applications.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register and sent to the list of interested parties in Attachment A. A copy of this letter has been sent to the applicants.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Simon Bell on (02) 6243 1232 or adjudication@accc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Darrell Channing

Director

Adjudication Branch

Attachment A

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List of interested parties – Western Australian and Northern Territory LNG Producers applications for authorisation AA1000396

ABB Australia Pty Ltd **AGC** AGL Wholesale Gas Limited Alfa Laval Australia Pty Ltd Alinta Energy Applus RTD Pty Ltd Aqua Terra Oil and Mineral Supply Company Australian Energy Council Australian Energy Market Commission Australian Energy Market Operator Australian Gas Infrastructure Group Australian Gas Networks Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association Camco **Cameron Services** DDG Department of Industry, Innovation and Science Ebara Corporation Rotating Equipment Ecolab Pty Ltd T/A Nalco Champion Emerson Process Management Australia Pty Ltd Emmerson **Energy Networks Australia** Enermech **ERM Power** Filtrex SRL Firesafe **FMC** GE Oil and Gas Australia

GE Power Conversion

IMI Australia Pty Ltd

Industrial Plant and Service Australia Pty Ltd

Kleenheat

John Crane Australia Pty Ltd

Joyce Krane

MAS Australia

Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd

Monadelpheous Engineering Associates Pty Ltd

MPS

Northern Territory Department of Primary Industry and Resources

Oxair Gas Systems

Rusca Environmental Solutions Pty Ltd

Santos

Schneider

Siemans Ltd

Sparrows Services Australia Pty Ltd

Sulzer Australia Pty Ltd

Supagas Pty Ltd

Synergy

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UGL Limited

Veolia

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