

Queensland to supply Japan LNG

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The Queensland government has welcomed Friday's announcement by Queensland Gas Company (QGC) that its parent, BG Group, has secured a contract to supply Japan with liquefied natural gas (LNG) for 21 years.

The BG Group has signed a sales and purchase agreement with Chubu Electric Power for the long-term supply of LNG.

Under the agreement, Chubu Electric will buy up to 122 cargoes over 21 years, starting in 2014.

The LNG will be supplied from BG Group's global LNG portfolio, including the Queensland Curtis LNG (QCLNG) Project under development by BG Group's wholly-owned Australian subsidiary, QGC.

"We welcome Chubu Electric as a foundation customer of QCLNG," executive vice president of BG Group's Australian region and managing director of QGC Catherine Tanna said.

Mining Minister Stirling Hinchliffe said the signing of the contract with Chubu Electric in Japan was a ringing endorsement of Queensland's LNG industry and secured jobs for Queenslanders.

"This announcement, that a leading Japanese electric company will be importing LNG from Queensland, is a clear sign that the international market is looking to us as a reliable producer of LNG," Mr Hinchliffe said.

"This is good news for Queensland because it means more job opportunities in the multi-billion dollar industry, more royalties to fund important infrastructure and more investment in cleaner sources of energy."

Mr Hinchliffe said the LNG industry was poised to create a potential \$40 billion worth of private sector investment in Queensland, with 18,000 jobs in the pipeline.

"That's why this government supports the balanced growth of the industry," he said.

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