

World-scale LNG plant in Australia in production

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Foster Wheeler announces that the first onshore LNG processing train (Train 5) in the world to be designed and constructed in modular form is now fully operational and producing LNG for export.

The processing train was delivered by the Foster Wheeler-led joint venture at Karratha, Western Australia for Woodside Energy, the Operator, on behalf of the North West Shelf Venture (NWSV). This first LNG production was achieved ahead of the Woodside target

The Foster Wheeler-WorleyParsons joint venture was responsible for the engineering, procurement and construction phase of the AUD\$2.6 billion NWSV Phase V LNG expansion, which involved the construction of a fifth LNG processing train with a production capacity of 4.4 million metric tonnes a year, plus a jetty extension and second LNG loading berth, two additional power generation units, a third fractionation unit, a new fuel gas compressor, an acid gas removal unit and a third boil-off gas compressor.

"Foster Wheeler is proud to have again been instrumental in successfully delivering an LNG plant," said Michael J Beaumont, chairman and chief executive officer, Foster Wheeler Energy.

"We brought our proven experience in project management, engineering and construction of complex, world-scale projects, and we have applied our specialist skills in modular design and construction to deliver a safe, successful and high-quality facility for the North West Shelf Venture participants.

"We are currently applying the same innovative modular design concepts and execution philosophy for the Pluto LNG plant for Woodside".

"Train 5 has been safely and successfully completed on time and at a highly competitive cost in an environment of extremely constrained resources.

This remarkable achievement is testament to the focus and commitment of the project team in delivering this additional production infrastructure," said Eve Howell, Executive Vice President North West Shelf, Woodside Energy .

The six equal participants in the North West Shelf Project are BHP Billiton Petroleum (North West Shelf), BP Developments Australia, Chevron Australian, Japan Australia LNG (MIMI), Shell Development (Australia) and operator Woodside Energy.

The China National Offshore Oil Corporation is also part of the North West Shelf Venture but does not have an interest in its infrastructure.