

NWS doubles gas sales to Japanese customer

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THE North West Shelf joint venture has executed an agreement with Japan's Tohoku Electric Power to supply an extra 500,000 tonnes of liquefied natural gas per year over an eight-year period starting from 2010.

The sales and purchase agreement follows a heads of agreement signed between the two parties in March this year.

The deal lifts the Woodside-led joint venture's LNG sales to Tohoku Electric to about 1 million tonnes a year from 2010. The agreement also ensures the total volume is delivered on an ex-ship basis.

"We believe this to be a statement of confidence in safe, secure and reliable supplies of LNG from the North West Shelf," North West Shelf Australia LNG president Peter Cleary said in a statement.

The six equal partners in the North West Shelf LNG Venture are Woodside Petroleum, BHP Billiton, BP, Chevron, Japan Australia LNG and Royal Dutch Shell.



A previously completed train in the North West Shelf LNG project