

Pluto-KGP Interconnector: Local Content, Industry Participation and Community Development

Executive Summary



1. The Pluto Acceleration Project will deliver the acceleration of some gas from the offshore Pluto fields through the Pluto-KGP Interconnector for processing at the North West Shelf (NWS) Project's Karratha Gas Plant (KGP).
2. Woodside announced a final investment decision on the Pluto-KGP Interconnector Project in November 2019. Construction commenced in January 2021 on the five-kilometre, 30-inch pipeline to the KGP, which will be constructed along the existing Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline (DBNGP) corridor.
3. DDG Operations Pty Ltd, part of Australian Gas Infrastructure Group (AGIG), has been awarded the contract for the construction of the pipeline and its ongoing operation and maintenance.
4. Construction of the Pluto-KGP Interconnector will employ an average of 250 workers with the workforce expected to peak at 320 jobs. After start-up, responsibility for Pluto gas processing via the interconnector will transfer to our existing operations workforce, which is primarily based in WA.
5. Contracts have been awarded to WA-based companies NEMMS JV for civil works and Civmec for the supply and fabrication of structural steel, piping, modules and skids.
6. The NWS Project made a final investment decision in December 2020 for the additional required infrastructure to receive third party gas at the KGP. Construction commenced in January 2021 and is expected to employ a peak workforce of 50.
7. The Pluto-KGP Interconnector will optimise production across both facilities, underpin sustainable and long-term operations at both plants while supporting ongoing community development activities in the Pilbara. Start-up of the Pluto-KGP Interconnector is targeted in H1 2022.
8. Woodside is a long-term LNG and domestic gas producer operating in the Pilbara. Woodside has a strong track-record of significant contributions to Karratha and surrounding communities through local employment, contracting, sponsorships and social investment. Community development activities associated with the on-going operations of the Karratha Gas Plant and Pluto LNG Plant are based on thorough research and a strong understanding of community issues and relationships.