



AGL enters LNG project study in PNG

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AGL Energy Limited (AGL) today announced it had entered into an agreement to explore a liquefied natural gas (LNG) proposal which could involve earlier commercialisation of its gas resources in Papua New Guinea.

AGL and the participants in the Kutubu, Agogo, Moran and Gobe field joint ventures have joined in a cost-sharing agreement with the joint venture participants in the Hides, Angore and Juha gas fields to study an LNG project in PNG.

Study participants should be in a position to decide on entry into the front-end engineering and design phase of an LNG project before the end of the agreement's term.

AGL Managing Director Mr Paul Anthony said: "This agreement will materially advance the chances of commercialising our PNG gas.

"We are keen to explore all available options for developing our share of gas reserves as expediently as possible, with an objective to maximise the value of these assets.

"Considering recent market developments, the momentum is now building for the prospects of a PNG-based LNG project."

The ExxonMobil-led LNG project studies are estimated to cost approximately US\$60 million for this phase of the project. Under the agreement, AGL will fund 3.3 per cent of the cost.

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About AGL

AGL is Australasia's leading integrated energy company. Drawing on 170 years of experience, it includes retail and merchant energy businesses, power generation assets and an upstream gas portfolio. AGL has Australia's largest retail energy and dual fuel customer base supplying around 4.1 million customer accounts. This includes customers supplied with gas and electricity through AGL's joint venture partnerships, ActewAGL and AlintaAGL. AGL has a diverse power generation portfolio including base, peaking and intermediate generation plants, spread across traditional thermal generation as well as renewable sources including hydro, wind, solar, landfill gas and biomass. As Australia's largest listed renewable energy producer, AGL is looking to further expand this position by exploring a suite of low emission and renewable energy generation development opportunities.