Russia

Yamal LNG Plant

EPC contractor Technip has approached four Asian yards regarding their prequalification for the construction of LNG modules for the Yamal project. Prequalification documents were sent to China Offshore Oil Engineering Company, Hyundai Heavy Industries, Daewoo Shipbuilding & Marine Engineering Company and Samsung Heavy Industries. Meanwhile Novatek are understood to be targeting a final investment decision on the project by September 2013.

Baltic LNG Liquefaction Plant

According to Reuters, Gazprom has said it is finalising plans for another LNG export plant which would be situated on either the Baltic or the Barents Sea. The operator is understood to be deciding whether to build the LNG plant in St. Petersburg region, or on the Kola Peninsula, with many analysts forecasting it to be the revival of the Baltic LNG plant. The stalled project was originally set to have a capacity of between 5-7.2 million tonnes but failed to reach the full engineering stage after feasibility studies revealed the project was uneconomical.

Canada

Pacific Northwest LNG Export Terminal

Pacific Northwest LNG has taken a major step toward its planned LNG export terminal in the District of Port Edward, near Prince Rupert, British Columbia, with the award of the project’s front-end engineering and design (FEED) contract. The contract, which will see three firms competing to design the terminal on Lelu Island and work on feasibility studies, was awarded to Bechtel, a KBR/JGC joint venture, and a Technip/Samsung Engineering/China Huanqiu joint venture. The FEED and engineering, procurement, construction and commissioning (EPCC) bids are expected to be complete by August 2014.

Douglas Channel LNG Export Terminal - Kitimat

Golar LNG has announced that it has entered into a firm framework agreement with the project partners, Haisla First Nation and LNG Partners, to acquire a 25% stake in the project. Through the agreement Golar is now committed to fund 25% of the projects activities up to and including the final investment decision, which is anticipated to be made in Q3 2013.

Goldboro LNG Liquefaction Plant

Pieridae Energy has announced that it has entered into a long-term sales agreement with E.ON for 5 million tonnes per annum of LNG over a 20-year period. The supply deal which will see LNG delivered to the European gas market, Germany in particular, is the second European supply deal in North America in as many months after Centrica signed an agreement to off-take from Cheniere’s Sabine Pass project in April. Pieridae is currently conducting the environmental assessment for the Goldboro project and plans to submit the report to the Province of Nova Scotia before the end of 2013.
**Singapore**

**Singapore LNG Terminal (SLNG)**

Singapore’s first LNG import terminal began operation in May after receiving its commissioning cargo from Qatar in late March. From its initial start-up capacity of 3.5 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa), SLNG’s capacity will increase to 6 Mtpa by year-end when a third storage tank is complete. Work on a fourth tank to boost throughput to 9 Mtpa is underway, along with planning for a fifth tank. But with the 40-hectare site allowing for a maximum of just seven tanks, Singapore is already carrying out a feasibility study to see if it needs to build a second terminal for future needs.

**Australia**

**Gorgon LNG Train 4**

Chevron has said that it plans to start the engineering and design work for the fourth train expansion project on Barrow Island before the end of 2013. The Kellogg Joint Venture Group (KJVG) comprised of KBR, JGC, Clough and Hatch Energy, who performed the FEED work for the original project, are thought to be the front runners for the contract. The operator also confirmed that construction work on the first three trains has now reached 60% and is scheduled to begin operation before the end of 2014.

**Wheatstone LNG Plant**

A total of 4 new contracts were awarded during May totalling A$439.6 million. Ertech was awarded two contracts, the first, a A$7.6 million contract awarded by John Holland to provide roads and earthworks for the Construction Village, the second a A$296 million Construction General Services 3 contract awarded by Bechtel. ATCO Structures & Logistics has also been awarded a A$100 million contract to design, manufacture, transport and install 357 modular units for the project. While Zinfra was awarded a A$36 million contract for the design and construction of a 132 kV high voltage power cable system.

**Arrow LNG Plant**

Bloomberg reported that Shell is in discussions with all three rival LNG developers in Queensland regarding their participation in the project. Spiralling costs have left Shell with little alternative but to either seek others participation in the project or to offer up its upstream gas assets to its competitors. Shell has already said that it is continuing with the upstream portion of the project and is targeting a FEED contract award for year-end. Meanwhile all three Queensland projects currently under construction have said that they are working together to construct gas pipelines to connect their plants together. The operators aim to enter into gas-sharing agreements in the future, thereby ensuring cargo delivery contracts are met.

**Bonaparte FLNG**

GDF Suez has awarded Wood Group Kenny (WGK) a contract to provide a pre-FEED subsea concept definition study for the project. The study will be executed by WGK’s Perth office. Meanwhile the contest for the full FEED study for the FLNG unit is beginning to take shape with at least two confirmed bidding consortiums, Daewoo Shipbuilding & Marine Engineering Company (DSME) with Technip and Hyundai Heavy Industries (HHI) with KBR.
United States

**Freeport LNG Liquefaction and Export Facility**

The US Department of Energy (DOE) has authorised the project to export domestically produced LNG to countries which do not hold a free trade agreement with the US. The 20-year approval covers exports up to 511 billion cubic feet per year (1.4 Bcf/d) from an initial two 4.4 million tonnes per annum train development. The project is only the second to have been given the go-ahead by the DOE following the rush of applications to export shale gas from the US.

**Sabine Pass LNG Export Terminal - Trains 3 & 4**

Cheniere Energy has announced that it has made a final investment decision on the second phase of the Sabine Pass LNG export project comprised of the third and fourth 4.5 million tonnes per annum liquefaction trains. Bechtel will now proceed with construction after being awarded the engineering, procurement & construction contract in January. The plant’s capacity will now reach 18 million tonnes per annum in 2017. Despite planning to expand the plant further with the additional of trains 5 & 6, Cheniere will have to wait for consent to proceed after its most recent application sits far down on the export queue.

**Venture Global LNG Export Plant**

Venture Global becomes the latest project to join the list of US LNG export proposals after filing an application with the US Department of Energy for a long-term, multi-contract authority to export domestically produced and previously imported liquefied natural gas up to a total of 5 million tonnes per annum. The single train development is set to be located along the Calcasieu Ship Channel in Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

Africa

**Tanzania LNG Liquefaction Plant**

BG Group has said that it plans to present the Tanzanian government with proposed locations for the project over the next few months. Despite this news, the project operator doesn’t anticipate making a final investment decision for at least another three years. Instead it is concentrating on boosting its current gas reserves across its offshore acreage, which currently stands at 10 trillion cubic feet.

**Angola LNG Plant**

According to Reuters, a fire has occurred at the site of the Angola LNG project hours before production was due to begin on 15 April. A small electrical fire broke out when a high voltage cable overloaded. Although the fire was not thought to be as serious as the previous blaze in June 2012, it has once again delayed start-up by at least a month. Angola LNG has said it anticipates production to begin before the end of June 2013.