

## **Waitsia Groundbreaking Celebrated**

Mitsui E&P Australia (MEPAU) and Joint Venture partner Beach Energy have today celebrated the Groundbreaking ceremony for the Mid West job creating Waitsia Gas Project Stage 2 (Waitsia Stage 2).

At site today, Premier Mark McGowan joined the CEOs of MEPAU, Beach Energy and Clough together with Southern Yamatji Traditional Owners to officially launch the construction project and turn the first soil at the site of the Waitsia Gas Plant.

Waitsia Stage 2 unlocks the economic potential of the Mid West and will create opportunities for the local community and local businesses.

Leading engineering and construction firm Clough was awarded the Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) scope for Waitsia Stage 2 at the start of 2021.

Based on Clough and the Waitsia Joint Venture's commitment to creating local opportunities, the bulk earthworks scope was recently awarded to Garla Barna Civil & Mining (GBCM), a local Mid West Indigenous business.

There will be further local works packages announced as the construction phase ramps up.

Waitsia Stage 2 is creating 200 jobs during construction and will incur an expected expenditure in the local area of \$15 million per year during the operations phase. Production from Waitsia Stage 2 is expected to commence in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2023.

Natural gas from Stage 2 will add to the domestic supplies already flowing to Perth and the South West from Waitsia Stage 1. Along with supplying gas to the domestic market, Stage 2 will also provide energy supplies to the world by exporting natural gas through the North West Shelf LNG facility.

MEPAU has also recently announced agreements with the Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation (JOGMEC) and with Wesfarmers Chemicals, Energy & Fertilisers Limited (WesCEF) as part of our collaborative and flexible approach to rapid decarbonisation.

These agreements will support studies into carbon storage and low carbon ammonia production.

### **Comments attributed to Ken Yamamura, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Mitsui E&P Australia**

"Mitsui E&P Australia, together with our Joint Venture Partner Beach Energy and Yamatji traditional owners, are proud to officially launch construction of the Waitsia Gas Project Stage 2.

"MEPAU is committed to a long-term partnership with the people and businesses of the Mid West region.

"Waitsia Stage 2 has and will continue to unlock significant economic opportunities for the Mid West region and Western Australia.

### **Comments attributed to Matt Kay, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Beach Energy**

"The construction of the Waitsia Gas Project Stage 2 is great news for local jobs, the local economy and for the domestic supply of natural gas to Western Australia.

“Beach Energy is proud to be a partner in this project, and we look forward to the commissioning of the new gas plant in 2023.”

“We would also sincerely like to thank the operator Mitsui E&P Australia, as well as the Yamatji traditional owners and the Western Australian Government for their support for this significant project for the Mid West.”

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