



# Celebrating the First Year of Gorgon Project Construction

## Narrator

In Perth, on September the fourteenth 2009, the Chevron operated Gorgon Project was given the official go-ahead when it reached the final investment decision with joint venture participants Exxon Mobil and Shell. It paved the way for construction to begin on the largest single resource project in Australia's history. We look back at some of the construction highlights since construction began twelve months ago.

From the onset, the Gorgon Project establishes a new standard for quarantine management, believed to be the largest non-government quarantine initiative in the world. In December, new joint venture participants, Tokyo gas, Osaka gas and Chubu Electric Power joined the Gorgon Project and Premier Barnett along with Federal Minister Ferguson partake in the first sod being turned, marking the official beginning of construction.

In the New Year assembly of the Atwood Osprey rig, which will be used to drill production wells, makes giant strides. And Western Australian Company Howard Porter embark on the biggest single order in their history; three hundred specially made semi-trailers that will be carting construction supplies to Barrow Island.

Under a five hundred million dollar contract, Australian company Thiess and Western Australian sub-contractor Decmill work on site preparation and installing temporary facilities. In April, the MV Finnmarken arrives off the shore of Barrow Island to serve as the marine construction support vessel. Dredging operations begin to create an approach channel, a turning basin and birth pockets for the LNG jetty and the materials offloading facility. Under an eighty five million dollar contract, Monadelphous, the Western Australian engineering group, undertake managing and engineering the construction facilities on Barrow Island while preparations for the materials offloading facility advance onwards.

By July the Gorgon supply basin Henderson is fully operational and employs more than one hundred people. And in August the first shipment arrives of the line pipe that will be used in the horizontal directional drilling which will bring the gas onshore to Barrow Island under the shoreline to reduce environmental impacts.

The initial phase of the Gorgon village, which is being built by the joint venture of Thiess, Decmill and Kentz, takes further shape. Once complete, the Gorgon village will house more than three thousand of the islands workforce.

And huge steps are made in developing the LNG site. By October, the forty million dollar Dampier supply base is now moving more than two and a half thousand tons of freight a week. And Prime Minister Julia Gillard visits Barrow Island to acknowledge the world's biggest carbon capture and storage program.

South of Perth, the Australian marine complex abounds with activity which includes work on fifty six case on structures that will form part of the LNG jetty. By the end of the first year of construction, the Gorgon Project has added twelve hundred beds to the accommodation facilities at Barrow Island and trained eight thousand people in a quarantine awareness program. It has flown more than thirty eight thousand people and shipped over one hundred thousand tons of freight to Barrow Island and it has committed some nine billion dollars on local, principally Western Australian, goods and services.

And this is just the beginning. For the Gorgon Project, its journey as an emerging Australian icon progresses onwards and on schedule for first gas by 2014.