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Media Statement

QCLNG Pipeline Pty Ltd application for 15 year no-coverage determination

On Tuesday 19 January 2010 the National Competition Council received an application from QCLNG Pty Ltd (a subsidiary of BG Group / QGC Limited) under the National Gas Law to exempt the "QCLNG Pipeline" in Queensland, running from the Surat Basin to Curtis Island, from regulation for 15-years from its commissioning.

It is the first application for a greenfields pipeline incentive, which are explained in detail in Part D of the *National Gas Law guide*, and available through the "Guides and Templates section" of the National Competition Council's website.

There are four steps involved in processing the application:

- First, the Council will conduct public consultation on the application, and consider written submissions made until 5.00pm on Monday 15 January 2010
- After considering public submissions on the application, the Council will publish a draft recommendation
- The public will then be invited to make submissions on the draft recommendation
- Last, a final recommendation will be made to the relevant Minister

As with other applications of this nature, and in order to ensure a fair process, Council members will not comment on the merit of the application prior to the release of the draft recommendations.

Submissions can be emailed (in MS Word or PDF formats) to qgcapplication@ncc.gov.au or mailed to:

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