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What's New?

- Destination Clauses are no more in Japan. Will the rest of Asia follow suit? – Hear directly from METI, and gain perspectives from industry and legal experts to prepare for the ramifications of the end of Destination clauses
- Hear from industry experts on the optimising the use of **flexibility provisions within individual contracts**

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- Engage in pragmatic discussions with industry leaders on **navigating the relationship between LNG price and supply**
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e are now proud to present the second Asia Congress on successfully negotiating and renegotiating Long **Term Gas Supply Contracts** – the industry leading event and the only one of its kind which focuses on negotiation and renegotiation of long term oil indexed gas contracts.

The second LTG Asia Congress comes at a crucial time as the LNG market undergoes a global transformation, with supply expanding rapidly. The linkage to oil in long term LNG contracts in Asia has meant that gas prices are generally much higher than those in other parts of the world, leading to serious doubts about the sustainability of this pricing model. As spot markets and alternative sources of supply develop further in the region, gas purchasers in Asia are now looking to renegotiate more favourable terms for their long-term contracts with their suppliers. As such, there is a need for expertise in contract formation as well as effective negotiation strategies, and a continued demand for an event that provides expert guidance on these issues. The congress will also explore the different mechanisms and solutions available to companies in the region when agreement cannot be reached, as well as offering expert insight to the changing regulations facing the industry, most notably the move in Japan to ban the **Destination Clause**.

Bringing together a senior level audience of leading purchasers, suppliers, expert consultants and the most highly regarded lawyers in this area, attendees will benefit from the extensive learning and business development opportunities. This is an event that no one involved in the negotiation or renegotiations of LTG contracts can afford to miss.

BENCHMARK YOUR CONTRACTING AND NEGOTIATION STRATEGIES WITH LEADING GAS EXPERTS:

Industry Leaders:



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Vladimir Drebentsov Head of Russia & CIS Economics **BP Russia**



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Legal Experts:



Kevin Nash Deputy Registrar & Centre Director **Singapore Arbitration Committee**

Dr. Johannes Willheim Partner Jones Day

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Pre-event Workshop

MONDAY, 9TH APRIL 2018

14.00 - 17.00Managing and Optimising the Balance **Between Risk & Flexibility**

Enhance your conference experience with one-to-one guidance in optimizing the use of flexibility provisions within individual contracts and portfolios whilst mitigating unnecessary risk.

LAST YEAR'S **EVENT HAD:**

Speakers







TUESDAY, 10TH APRIL 2018

8.00

Registration and Coffee

9.00

Opening Remarks From the Chair

9.15

A Changing Landscape -Political, Legal and Other **Drivers for Change**

Sheharyar Chughtai



Vladimir Drebentsov



Head of Russia & CIS Economics

Historically LTC's have been essential for suppliers in order to underpin investment and cash flow. In addition, buyers want security of supply and pricing stability. However, with pricing trends increasingly challenging to predict, flexibility in contract terms are now being increasingly sought by purchasers.

- Is there a need for Long Term Contracts to ensure that multimillion dollar investments can be carried out and can be justified?
- · Is it possible to guarantee the profitability of these investments if they are not structured in the long term?
- What are the financial constraints to producing LNG without having agreed on a LTC?
- · How to finance upcoming LNG liquefaction and re-gas projects in this ever-changing environment? What are the key risks and potential mitigating factors?

- What are the current trends for existing contracts? How the lack of a harmonised regulation for the Asian market is impacting upon LTC
- How will the uncertainty for both buyers and sellers impact price negotiations within the Asian market?
- Possible erosion of gas market share from electricity - will gas demand continue to grow? What is the future of LNG to power projects in Asia?
- · Government policy landscape for LNG contracts, procurement and LNG to power projects in Asia
- · Competitor landscape

10.15

Morning Refreshments

10.45

Evaluating Current Contract Trends in Asia: How Sustainable is the Momentum Towards Shorter Term Agreements?



Hanas LNG Supply & Trading Madjid Kübler Managing Director



- **Team Consult** Increasing short term and spot deals – will this trend continue and what will it mean for the industry?
- · How is price volatility affecting contract terms?
- · Should buyers sign long term deals? Why? What's the benefit?





- What is the new dynamic of supply contracts in the short term and how is it working?
- Can increasing the flexibility of LTC's make them more attractive? How to do this successfully – making them more attractive in a buyer's market
- Is not being a single market a hindrance when considering LTC's? Or an advantage?
- What will happen after 2020?

11.45

Is Hub Pricing Taking Over From Oil Indexed Prices?

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- Is LNG becoming sufficiently liquid that it has its own pricing mechanisms?
- What is the future for Oil indexed contracts in Asia?
- Regional vs. global gas pricing is there potential for a single global price?
- · What principles should be followed? EU or proxy?

12.30

Networking Lunch

14.00

Price Revision and Re-Opener Clauses – Ensuring Yours are Effective

- Optimizing the use of flexibility provisions within individual contracts
 and overall portfolios
- Pricing vs Supply vs Flexibility who wins?
- Challenges of setting Long Term expectations for prices in a contract: finding ways to have the flexibility to adjust to important changes in the market
- Which method is most effective commercial negotiation, formal price review or commercial arbitration?
- How to resolve the expectation gap between sellers and buyers arising from the mutually acceptable price via negotiation?

15.00

Afternoon Refreshments

15:30

Watertight Gas Supply Contracts – Avoid Re-Negotiations and Disputes

- · Changing the terms of contracts:
 - » Greater flexibility on quantities
- » Take or pay commitments looming potential for liberalisation
- » Right to divert cargoes
- » Default/Force Majeure
- » Credit Security
- » Age Price Reviews
- Risk Management

16.30

The Influence and Importance of Competition Law

Richard Dinnie

Head of Legal, Gas in Total's Gas, Renewables & Power Branch Total S.A.

- Why competition law is relevant to the marketing of LNG and Gas
- The role of competition law in developing gas markets. The European experience
- Destination clauses & profit-sharing mechanisms
- Recent developments in the Asia-Pacific. How might this play out?

17:15

Chair's Closing Remarks and End of Day One



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Morning Coffee

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Gas Price Disputes: Lessons Learnt From Europe



Partner Jones Dav

Dr. Johannes Willheim

By sharing the lessons learnt by high profile European gas pricing disputes, this session will help draw upon the experiences of the various parties involved and examine how they can be applied to the Asian Market.

- Successfully using the knowledge gained from watching the European market to navigate your way through contract writing and revising
- · Understanding the differences and similarities between the European and Asian markets and knowing which European experiences can be applied in the context of the Asian market
- What is the role of legal firms going forward in supporting the market players?

10.15

A Culture of Negotiation Behind Closed Doors -What, If Any, Difficulties or Opportunities Does That Present?



Ivelina Boneva-Bensink Legal and Regulatory Affairs Advisor Gasterra NL

11.00

Morning Refreshments

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What are the Pre-Arbitration Mechanisms That Must Be Complied With?



Kevin Nash Deputy Registrar & Centre Director **Singapore Arbitration Committee**

- The extent to which pre-contractual mechanisms are binding on parties
- · What sanctions can be applied in the event that they are not complied with?
- What triggers a gas price review?
- What are the issues and responsibilities when you are dealing with high volumes (no one wants to assume responsibilities)
- Risk Assessment on the advantages of having the dispute resolved by an independent third-party vs continuing with the negotiations?
- · What is the experience now of the companies who have invested time and resources on arbitration? Are there better ways to reset these contracts?
- Preparing for arbitration: who should the arbitrators be? What should the arbitral body be?

12.15

Be Ready for a Price Dispute When It Arrives



A. Venkatesan Chief Manager (Law) **Gail India Limited**

- · Overview of the Dispute Resolution Process
 - Commercial Arbitration can be a cumbersome process. How can the Dispute Resolution Process be used as an alternative?
- · A look at GAIL India Limited's experiences in price re-negotiation
- · Mitigating risks

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- What impact does this have on regulatory regimes?
- · How the volumes from Australia are influencing LTC?
- Negotiating with Qatar: Europe vs Asia
- · Regional dynamics navigating successfully

15.00

Comparing and Contrasting the Sale of LNG in Asia – How Long Will It Be a Buyers' Market?



Chikako Ishiguro Senior Analyst

Osaka Gas Company Ltd.

- · Long term supply vs demand picture accurate forecasting and the impact, will there be a crunch in the early 2020's?
- · Understanding the dynamics of negotiating with various participants
- Impact on the negotiation of LTC of the relationship basis and the way in which people approach contracts
- What's the cost for Australians vs. the cost for Qataris?

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Chair's Closing Remarks and End of Congress







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