



PRESS RELEASE

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FUEL FOR THE FUTURE – SAFETY REPORTS PUBLISHED AND CONTRACT SIGNED WITH SHELL

HM Government of Gibraltar is pleased to announce that, following a rigorous vetting of the detailed submissions from three world class operators for the storage and supply of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) to fuel the new North Mole power station, a Heads of Agreement has been signed with Shell (Shell Gas and Power BV) for the provision of this service to GibElec.

Their successful bid reflects the fact that Royal Dutch Shell's proposals surpassed the competing bids in meeting the HMGoG's expectations in terms of the specifications, relating both to safety standards and design, as assessed by international experts. This follows independent examination by the leading UK authority of the technical submissions from each tenderer.

These detailed technical submissions were scrutinised by the Health and Safety Laboratory (HSL), the UK's leading safety body in this field. Shell subsequently had its submission independently assessed by Lloyd's Register of London.

In keeping with its public statement committing to double scrutiny of the proposal that the Government has accepted and the commitment to transparency, the Government will be releasing, in full, the finalised safety reports prepared by HSL and Lloyd's Register in their evaluation of the proposal from Royal Dutch Shell.

These final reports prepared by both HSL and Lloyd's Register reports are being published online. This follows a briefing to key stakeholders giving them an opportunity to have sight of these reports and ask questions.

Earlier today HMGoG and its experts met with the Waterport Terraces Committee, the ESG and GONHS at No 6 Convent Place.

The Chief Minister also called the Leader of the Opposition to brief him on the announcement and provide copies of the finalised HSL and Lloyd's Register reports ahead of today's press conference. The Chief Minister Fabian Picardo, signed the agreement for the provision of LNG with Roger Bounds, Shell's Vice President Global LNG at the Shell London offices on the Strand. Mr Bounds commented:



“For over 50 years Shell and its joint ventures have safely operated a diverse portfolio of Liquefied Natural Gas plants and terminals around the world. With ten LNG liquefaction plants on five different continents, Shell is a truly global LNG player. In the past five decades, we have developed vast experience across the LNG value chain, and we look forward to bringing this experience to Gibraltar to meet its energy needs.”

Mr Picardo welcomed the hard work and high standards of all those involved in the tasks of designing and submitting the LNG supply systems proposals to meet the best international standards. He also thanked HSL and Lloyds Register for their diligent and careful scrutiny of the Shell proposals setting the very important safety standards and requirement for this game-changing project.