

FEED for Reindeer

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REINDEER partners Apache Energy and Santos have begun front end engineering and design (FEED) studies for the Reindeer gas field in Western Australia's offshore Carnarvon Basin.

Reindeer is located in permit WA-209-P, which is operated by Apache Energy (55%) in partnership with Santos (45%). The field was discovered in 1997 and has a gross recoverable resource range of 410 to 640 petajoules (390 to 610 billion cubic feet) of gas.



The FEED studies will focus on the preferred development option – an unmanned offshore platform with a pipeline to a new gas processing facility to be sited on the mainland.

The proposed production capacity is approximately 110 terajoules per day of sales gas with first gas targeted for mid 2010, according to Santos.

"The new onshore processing facility will increase the security of gas supply into the domestic Western Australian market by adding incremental processing capacity away from the existing plants at Varanus Island and the North West Shelf," Santos said.

Managing director John Elice-Flint emphasised the positive impacts of bringing a significant new source of gas supply into the rapidly growing Western Australian market.

"The booming minerals industry in Western Australia has given us the confidence to move forward with FEED studies for this project," he said.

"Recent higher gas prices will help to facilitate significant investments in long term gas supply for Western Australia such as that proposed for the Reindeer project."