

## Gas from WA field by 2010: Santos

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In a major coup for WA industrial consumers, Santos has given the green light to its \$800 million Devil Creek gas project in the Carnarvon Basin.

The first gas at its Reindeer project would be targeted for the end of 2010, Santos chief executive David Knox said this morning.

"The processing plant, to be located at Devil Creek, will have an unspared capacity of 215TJ/day (gross) and will deliver sales gas and stabilised condensate," Mr Knox said.

The Reindeer gas field, in which Santos has a 45 per cent interest, is situated in the Carnarvon Basin, off the coast of WA. Apache Northwest Pty Ltd holds the other 55 per cent stake.

The project is key to Apache's ambition to overtake North West Shelf manager Woodside Petroleum as WA's biggest domestic gas supplier within three years.

It will include a wellhead platform at Reindeer field, a 103km pipeline to Devil Creek's proposed location near Forty Mile Beach, about 45km south of Dampier.

Mr Knox said approval of the project was another important step in realising Santos's significant gas resources.

Mr Knox said it highlighted the positive impact of bringing a significant new source of gas supply into the rapidly growing WA market.

"It is evident that recent higher gas prices will help to facilitate significant investments in long term gas supply for Western Australia," he said.

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