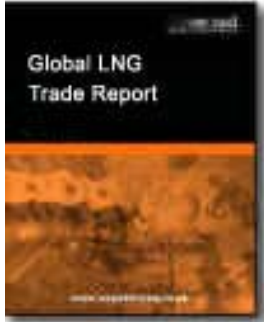


Global LNG Trade Report



Introduction

The Global LNG Trade Report provides the new entrant to the LNG business with the fundamentals of LNG, its technology and the basis to understand current international LNG trade. Each of the elements in the LNG chain are explained, covering natural gas liquefaction, LNG shipping, reception and storage.

An overview and history of LNG trade, and developments in both long term and short term supply contracts will give you a solid understanding of the dynamics of both technical/engineering and commercial issues involved, but in terms that are readily understood by the non-specialist. Existing LNG supply projects and import terminals are described in the Report, together with plans for their future expansion.

The country-by-country analysis of LNG markets will provide your company with the knowledge to enter or expand into this growing global market. Potential LNG import projects being studied or planned are also included, together with potential new LNG supply projects being developed.

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Executive Summary

The business of international LNG trade is high value, in terms of the value of LNG traded on an annual basis, but the number of operating companies (buyers and sellers) is relatively small. However, the number of new or prospective buyers and sellers is growing. LNG trade embraces a wide range of business sectors:

- Oil and gas exploration and production
- Gas pipelines (from gas production to LNG plant, and from LNG reception terminals to gas markets)
- Gas processing (LNG production and revaporisation, boil-off handling)
- Civil engineering and marine terminals (ports, jetties, soils engineering, civil works)
- Ship-building
- Shipping operations and support services
- Plant operations and support services
- Commercial: Project evaluation, joint ventures, LNG marketing, sales and purchase contracts, project management, legal services, etc.
- Financial: project finance, insurance, banking, etc.
- Gas market analysis and development
- Power generation and power project development (a major use of LNG)
- Government and regulatory

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The LNG Trade report will be invaluable for executives and management in all of these sectors, especially in those companies who are involved in only one sector of the LNG business, and wish to have a review of the whole of LNG trade. It will also provide an introduction to LNG trade for those companies who are not currently active in LNG trade, or are on the fringes of the business, and are seriously considering a greater involvement. For those companies who are active in LNG trade, the report provides an overview of the subject for the benefit of staff who due to re-assignment find themselves involved in LNG for the first time. The report should be useful to all organizations as a source of independent analysis of the current trends in the business.

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