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Dorado FPSO FEED contract awarded

Santos today announced award of the FEED contract for the Floating Production, Storage and Offloading (FPSO) facility for the Dorado project, in the Bedout Sub-basin, offshore Western Australia, to Altera Infrastructure (Altera).

The FPSO contract is the project's largest, comprising engineering, procurement, construction, installation, commissioning and testing of the facility.

Dorado is an integrated oil and gas project which is planned to be developed in two phases. The initial development involves the production of oil and condensate through a well head platform (WHP) and FPSO. Gas will be reinjected in the initial phase to enhance oil and condensate recovery, followed by a planned future phase of gas production to backfill Santos' domestic gas infrastructure in WA.

Dorado is a very low CO₂ reservoir with approximately 1.5 per cent CO₂ and reinjection of gas in the initial phase, making it one of the lowest emission intensity oil projects in the region.

In June, the project entered the Front-End Engineering and Design (FEED) phase, which involves numerous work-fronts including the award of contracts for the FPSO and WHP. The FPSO contract will commence with full definition engineering by Altera to confirm the technical requirements for the FPSO and associated disconnectable mooring system.

Santos Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Kevin Gallagher said: "This contract is an important milestone for the project and Altera brings extensive FPSO design and operations expertise to the development.

"The FPSO design will provide for the integrated development of both the liquids and the gas resource and retains sufficient flexibility to support future nearby exploration success. A contract for the design, supply and installation of the WHP will be awarded soon."

President, Altera Infrastructure Production Chris Brett said: "We thank Santos for putting their confidence in Altera and are eager to apply our over 30 years of FPSO competence and experience during FEED to deliver an FPSO design that meets the needs of the Dorado development while also bringing forward the latest emission reducing solutions in line with our vision to lead the industry to a sustainable future."

The project has a Federal Government approved Australian Industry Participation Plan ensuring full, fair and reasonable opportunities for Australian industry to compete for work. This is accessible via the Industry Capability Network website.

Santos has an 80 per cent interest in the Dorado project and is operator. The remaining interest is held by Carnarvon Petroleum.

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About Altera

Altera have over 30 years' experience in designing, constructing and operating FPSOs and FSOs in some of the harshest environments in the world with the largest fleet of FPSOs in the North Sea, a significant operation in Brazil and FSO operations experience in Australia. Altera has been a leader in the FPSO industry for many years developing purpose built turret based FPSOs in the 1980s through to newer reduced emission FPSOs today. Altera is also at the forefront of exciting Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) initiatives through their Stella Maris CCS Project which has the potential to provide basin wide CCS solutions globally. Altera's mix of deep FPSO experience together with its forward looking ambition to reduce emissions in our industry will be key to making the Dorado project successful. *Source: Altera.*

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