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### **PAINT AND INSULATION CONTRACT AWARDED TO WA-LED JOINT VENTURE**

A WA-led joint venture has been awarded a contract worth more than A\$70 million for painting and insulation work associated with the North West Shelf Venture's LNG expansion project.

The contract, awarded by the Kellogg Joint Venture (KJV), to the Ausclad-Meisei Joint Venture is for the painting of steelwork and the supply and installation of hot, cold and acoustic insulation for the Train 4 cryogenic process equipment and piping.

Ausclad is a Kwinana-based company and Meisei is a Japanese company, internationally recognised as a leading insulation contractor to the LNG industry.

The contract is one of the biggest single contracts awarded for the Train 4 project.

The joint venture in May 2003 will mobilise more than 400 workers to site, with contract work starting in June.

Manfred Henze, Woodside General Manager Onshore Projects, said that the Train 4 project continued to provide positive opportunities for Australian companies and their workforces.

"About 86% of the painting and insulation contract amount will be sourced in Australia," Mr Henze said.

"To date nearly A\$800 million in contracts has been awarded to Australian companies, with expectations of this amount climbing to nearly A\$1 billion by the time the project is completed in 2004."

He added that Train 4 was now more than 50% complete with contracts now let for most of the major equipment packages and the arrival of equipment packages on sites rapidly increasing.

"The activities now under way on the Burrup provides Australia with a major showcase to the world of its abilities to deliver a world-class construction project."

The six equal participants in the North West Shelf Venture are: Woodside Energy Ltd. (operator); BHP Billiton Petroleum (North West Shelf) Pty Ltd; BP Developments Australia Pty Ltd; ChevronTexaco Australia Pty Ltd; Japan Australia LNG (MIMI) Pty Ltd; and Shell Development (Australia) Proprietary Limited.

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