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ALE COMPLETES WORK ON AUSTRALIA PACIFIC LNG PROJECT

ALE has completed the transportation, load-out, and load-in operations for Bechtel in Indonesia and Australia, as part of the construction of the Australia Pacific LNG project.

ALE was contracted by Bechtel Inc. in August 2011 to carry out the site transportations and load-outs of 69 modules at the S.M.O.E. yard in Batam and Indonesia, and at the LNG Facility on Curtis Island in Gladstone, QLD Australia.

The 69 modules ranged in weight from 100t to 3,363t. There was a total of 665 site-moves of various cargo, including the load-in of project components from ships at the neighbouring Kabil Port. ALE then performed the load-out of the modules onto barges. For the load-out of module 101DA, which was the heaviest module weighing 3,363t, ALE utilised the maximum configuration of 168 axle lines of SPMT and six power packs.

Mike Ward, Contracts Manager for ALE who oversaw this project, said: “Our priority for this project was to optimise the most time efficient and effective transportation configuration.

“During the load-out operations of module 110RD, weighing 235t, we were faced with significant sea swells at the on-site wharf. Despite the challenging load-out conditions, our in-house operations and engineering teams were able to provide a wealth of experience which meant the load-out was executed in a timely and safe manner, marking a very important milestone for Bechtel and the owner, Australia Pacific LNG.”

A total of 29 sea voyages completed delivery to the Australia Pacific LNG Facility Site at Curtis Island, Queensland, Australia where all 69 modules were successfully received, loaded-in and placed in their final operational location by ALE's Australian branch.

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Image 1: One of the 69 modules received at the Curtis Island site in Australia.

NOTES TO EDITORS

Founded in 1983 by Roger Harries, ALE delivers a highly tailored, end-to-end service covering every aspect of the handling, transportation and installation of heavy, indivisible loads, including lifting, transporting, installing, ballasting, jacking and weighing.

ALE delivers strategic heavy-lift services to a wide range of sectors, including civil, oil and gas, energy, nuclear, offshore, renewables, petrochemical, ports, marine, minerals and metals and mining.

In 2008 it launched the AL.SK190, the world's largest land-based crane, which it developed specifically for the lifting and installation of ultra-heavy loads and which is capable of lifting a record-breaking 4,300te and can be relocated on site fully rigged.

In 2011 ALE launched its ground breaking innovation - the Mega Jack system- capable of lifting 60,000te to a height of 25m the Mega Jack was developed to meet increasing demand in the offshore industry.

In 2012 ALE announced the building of the next generation AL.SK350 - the latest world's largest capacity land based crane with a lifting capacity of 5000te.

In 2013 the Mega Jack performed the record breaking lift of the Arkutun Dagi topside in Korea, at 42,780t it is the heaviest load ever jacked.

In 2013 ALE announced its latest innovation to be offered to the heavylift market in the form of the Hydro Deck. With the ability to mitigate the challenges faced when loading-in or out in extreme tidal variations the Hydro Deck changes the way construction is done in these parts of the world.

In 2014 ALE announced its new ‘innovation’ series brand with the launch of the Mega Jack 800.

ALE is headquartered in the UK and has more than 30 offices across Europe, the Far East, Africa, America, South America, the Middle East and Australia. It is fully compliant with international standards of safety and excellence, including Quality standard ISO 9001:2008, Environmental standard ISO 14001:2004, and Health and Safety Standard OHSAS 18001:2007. ALE is also registered and qualified in the Achilles Norway and Link-up systems, and is a member of both the British Safety Council and the British Standards Institution.

Further information can be found on the ALE website at www.ale-heavylift.com