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CH-IV INTERNATIONAL CONTRIBUTES TO SUCCESSFUL ACQUISITION OF KEY PERMITS FOR SONORA LNG PROJECT

Front End Engineering Design Provided by CH-IV

On December 18, 2006, Sonora Terminal and Pipeline Company, a joint venture between El Paso Corporation and DKRW Energy LLC, announced that the liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility they are developing in Sonora, Mexico was issued three key environmental permits by the Mexican government. The permits obtained include environmental authorizations from the Mexican Federal Ministry of the Environmental and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT) for the joint venture's proposed terminal and pipelines and a land-use permit for the terminal issued by SEMARNAT and the National Forest Commission.

CH-IV International, LLC of Hanover, Maryland provided the front end engineering design (FEED) of the LNG import terminal for Sonora Terminal and Pipeline Company's permit applications.

Mr. Jeffrey P. Beale, President of CH-IV International, stated "We greatly appreciated the positive working relationship developed with El Paso and DKRW during the engineering phase on this important energy supply project. We believe the successful permitting effort indicates the high quality of CH-IV's import terminal FEED."

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