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QGC turns to local trades for Gladstone office fitout

Local plumbers, carpenters and other tradespeople are benefiting from the relocation of the Queensland Curtis LNG Project (QCLNG) information office.

The fitout of new premises at 72 Goondoon Street has begun, with completion expected mid-May. QGC will occupy part of the ground floor and all of level two of the building.

QGC has outgrown the information centre at 174 Goondoon Street as the Queensland Curtis LNG Project gathers momentum towards final approval this year. The information office at this address will remain open until the fitout of the new centre is complete.

The larger premises, behind Snoops Snacks and opposite the Grand Hotel, will accommodate a project team to lead construction of the liquefied natural gas production plant on Curtis Island.

The new offices will also include a public information centre and meeting rooms.

QGC's Social Performance Manager – Gladstone, Lorna McGinnis, said that the business wanted to ensure that its presence delivered enduring benefits to the community.

"We are using local goods and services in the fitout of the new premises wherever possible, which is directly in line with our plans for construction and operation of the LNG project," Ms McGinnis said.

"QCLNG will create numerous benefits to its neighbouring communities including infrastructure upgrades, employment security, workforce skills and economic development.

"Crucially, this project will create more than 5000 direct jobs during construction and about 1000 during operation and increased demand for goods and services.

"Studies for the project indicate that A\$32 billion in value-added activity is expected to be generated in Queensland in the decade to 2021."

The Queensland Curtis LNG Project is a priority project of QGC to develop Queensland coal seam gas for Australian and international markets. Key elements of the proposed project involve:

- an expansion of QGC's exploration and gas production operations in the Surat Basin, in southern Queensland;
- a 540km network of underground pipelines to Gladstone on the central Queensland coast;
- a liquefaction plant on Curtis Island, near Gladstone, with initial production capacity of more than 8 million tonnes of LNG a year.

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