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The Importance of Pricing on Major LNG Investment Decisions

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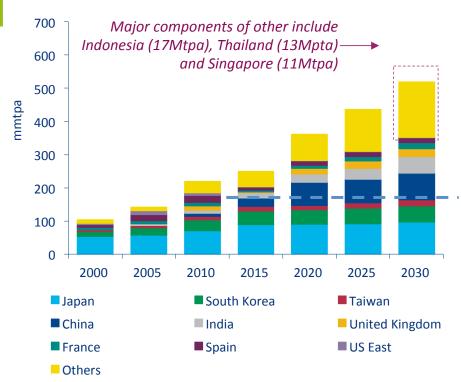
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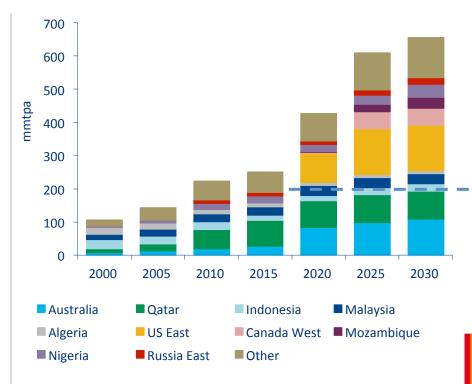


### Regional Demand & Supply

#### LNG Demand by Region

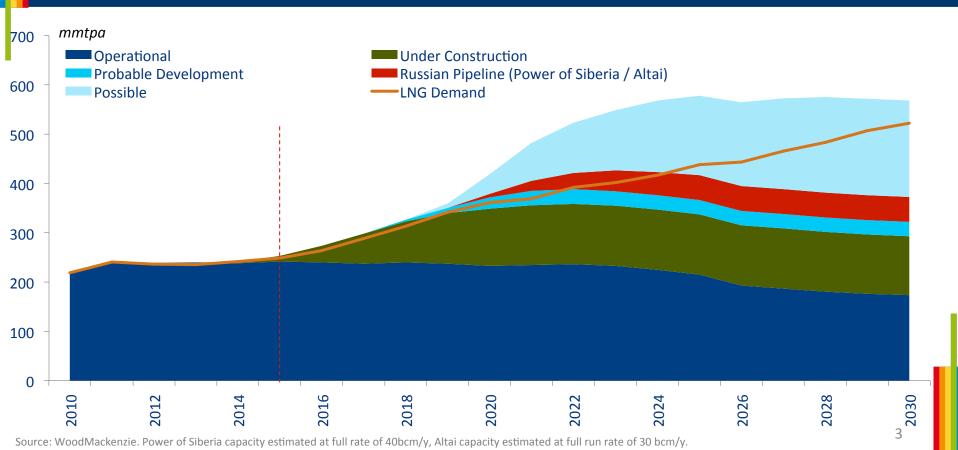


#### **LNG Supply by Region**

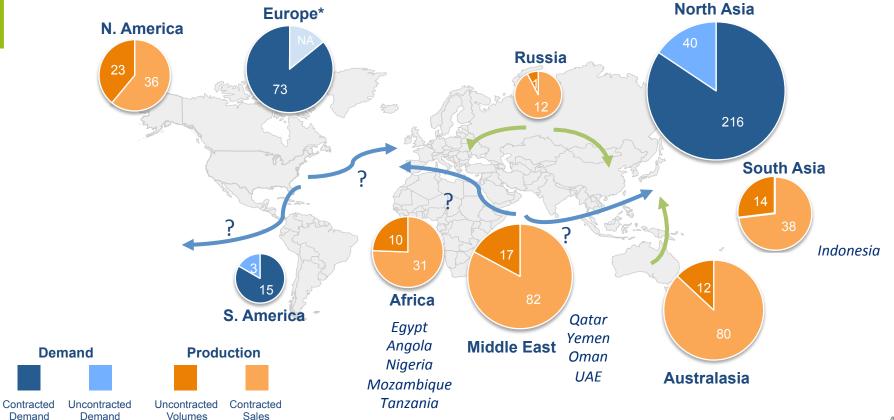


Source: WoodMackenzie.

## LNG Demand versus Supply

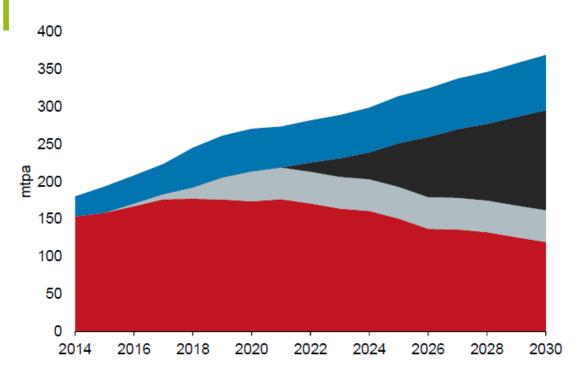


## **Expected LNG flows**



### Historically volumes are benchmarked to oil

#### LNG Contracts into Asia Pacific

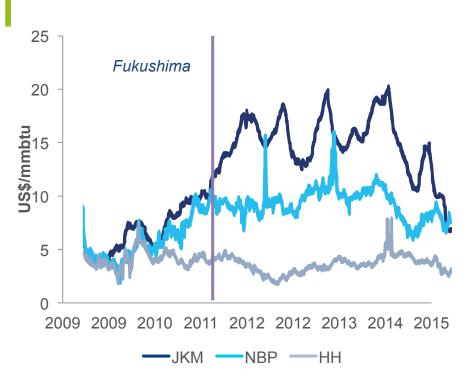


- Natural roll-off in oil-indexed contracted volumes due to rolloff of currently sanctioned projects
- Pre-FID projects currently largely uncontracted
- Emergence of Henry Hub and shorter dated contracts

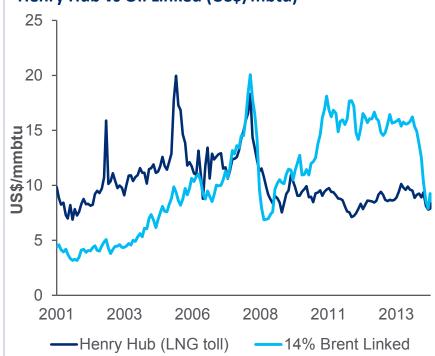
■ Existing oil-indexed ■ Contracted US supply ■ Uncontracted demand ■ Short-mid term

## Trends in LNG pricing

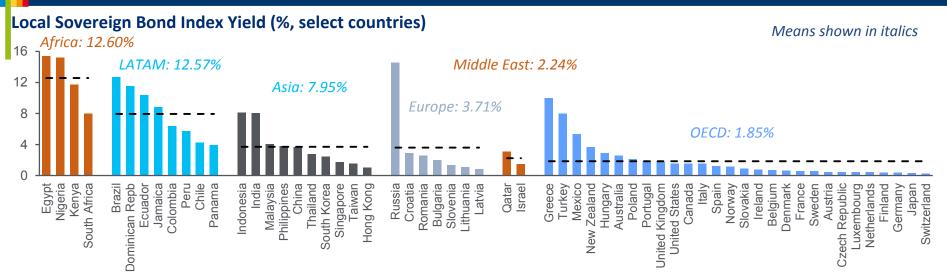
#### JKM premium vs NBP and HH



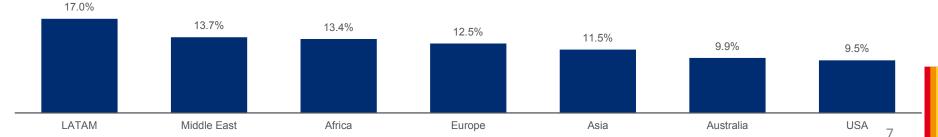
## Asian Landed LNG Price: Henry Hub vs Oil Linked (US\$/mbtu)



## What are the return expectations?



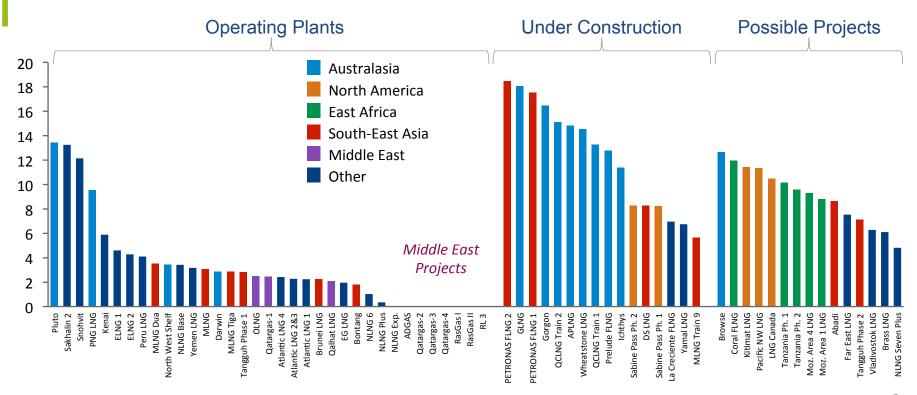
#### Average Equity Market Return (local index in select countries, forward looking based on consensus )



Source: Bloomberg. As of March 2015.

### Breakeven Price for LNG Plants (FOB)

#### US\$/mmbtu for 12% IRR



### How the sponsors are approaching investment

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derisk by development / offtakers

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### Sponsor funding



### Project finance



# Infrastructure divestment

- E.g. Gorgon, QCLNG
- E&P majors explore and develop projects on risk
- FID requires contracted offtake position

- E.g. Ichthys, PNG LNG
- Once sponsors achieve FID project finance often reduces sponsor capital requirements
- Projects require contracting of capacity prior to accessing PF and sanctioning

- E.g. BG Pipeline (QCLNG)
- Sponsor de-risking once project is operating
- Opportunity for sponsor to de-risk at infrastructure / yield returns

### Conclusion

- LNG is a key fuel source in the energy mix and despite the large increase in capacity in recent years, demand continues to grow..... rapidly
- Projects are increasingly in non-OECD countries and more expensive to complete, resulting in higher breakeven pricing requirements
- Global LNG flows have tested historical contracting strategies..... the low Henry Hub pricing has prompted new pricing options for Asian buyers
  - However long term price stability is still a key requirement for investment decision making
- Sponsors are increasingly focused on improving the return on capital from a given project
  - As such project financing and the introduction of infrastructure capital and listed "Yield Co" products are being tested