# Singapore's Import of LNG

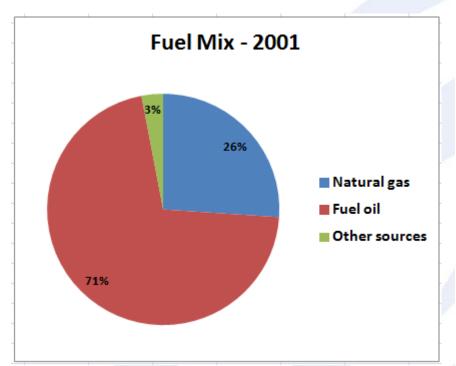
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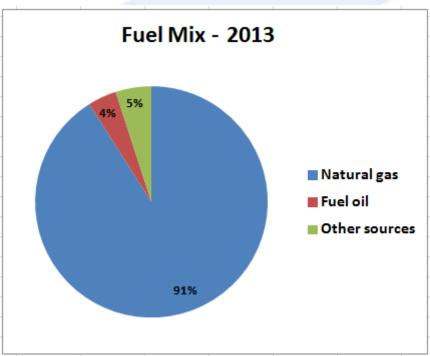
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### **Singapore Electricity Fuel Mix**





Natural Gas is the most important fuel for power generation

Prior to starting LNG imports, Singapore imported all its natural gas via pipelines from neighbouring countries

# Why Singapore Imports LNG

#### Why LNG

**Dependence** on natural gas is large, for industrial feedstock and electricity generation

Industry players expect gas to be mainstay fuel choice

Traditional suppliers have said they will prioritise gas for domestic consumption

**Objectives** 

**Enhance energy Security** through source diversification

Greater access to market-priced gas

Opportunities to grow **LNG Trading** sector in Singapore

Access to global supply sources

Meet growing gas demand

Decision made in 2006 to import LNG

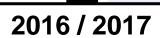
## **Singapore LNG Terminal Development**

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**Commercial operations** 



Completion of Tank 3
Capacity increases to 6
Mtpa



Completion of Tank 4
Capacity increases to 9
Mtpa









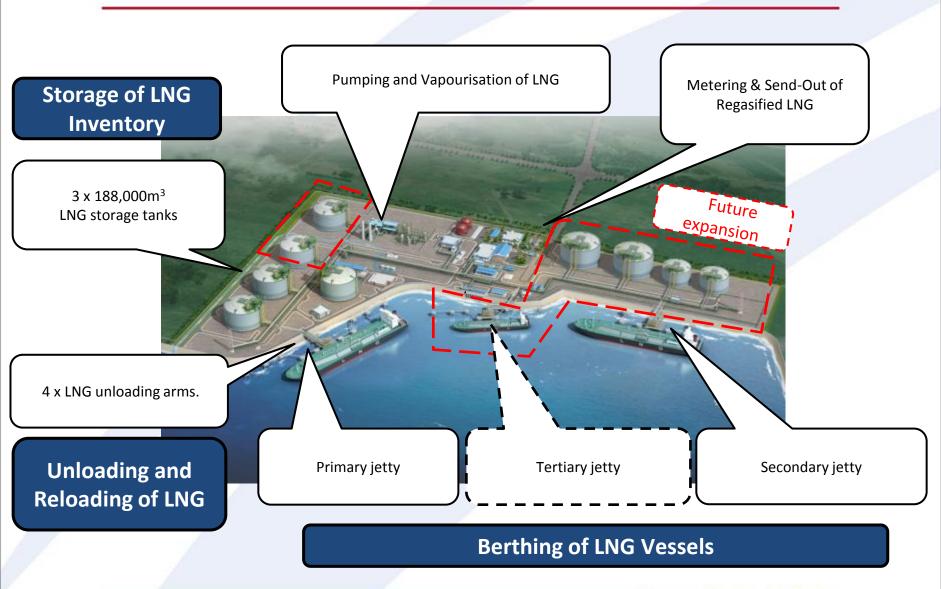
#### **Current Terminal Capabilities:**

- ➤ 2 tanks
- Primary jetty
- ➤ 3.5 Mtpa capacity

#### **Under construction:**

- ➤ Tank 3
- > Additional regasification
- > Secondary jetty

### **Overview of the LNG Terminal**



# **Current LNG Import Framework**

- Earlier consultation with industry concluded that Singapore should procure LNG through a single Aggregator, due to small size of Singapore market.
- After a competitive Request-For-Proposal, BG was selected to be the LNG aggregator for Singapore, with an exclusive right to sell up to 3 Mtpa of LNG or until 2023, whichever is earlier.
- ➤ BG has sold ~2.7 out of its 3 Mtpa franchise. EMA is studying new import framework that best suits Singapore's needs

### **Strategy for Changing Gas Landscape**

#### **Global LNG Trends**

Market landscape continues to evolve. **New supply** coming from US, Australia, PNG, Russia and East Africa

LNG is increasingly sold through **smaller** and shorter term contracts. No longer necessary to buy large volumes in a single contract.

**Instead of contract size, timing** of LNG procurement is a key factor that affects price

Growing preference by buyers and sellers for a **portfolio of contracts** to reduce concentration risks

#### **Implications for Singapore**

Aim for **diversified gas contracts** of different supply sources. Where possible, have different durations, price indexation, price reviews and Scurves to manage volatility

**Competitive process** so that buyers gain access to competitive deal each time we buy LNG

Adopt **tranche-by-tranche LNG procurement**. Risky to "time the market" with big bets

Allow gas buyers to customise their own supply portfolio to fit their unique business needs.

**Keep future options** through flexible framework. Allow buyers to benefit from changing market conditions.

**Recognise Singapore's situation.** Near-term incremental is not large, and terminal capacity takes time to grow.

# **Future LNG Import Framework**

- Objective: Allow Singapore access to <u>competitively-priced</u> and <u>reliable</u> supplies of LNG whilst ensuring that the LNG Terminal is used efficiently
- Proposed framework: Competitive Licensing Framework
  - Tranche-by-tranche LNG procurement to keep options open → Singapore cannot attempt to time the market
  - Competitive RFP process when selecting the next importer(s) to supply long/short-term LNG
  - Appointed importer(s) will have obligation to offer to all buyers
  - Industry has been consulted on the framework
- Other concurrent measures under consideration:
  - Import of spot LNG, with conditions
  - Allow new Piped Natural Gas imports, subject to approval by EMA
  - Development of a secondary gas market to allow on-selling of gas

### **LNG Terminal Access Code**

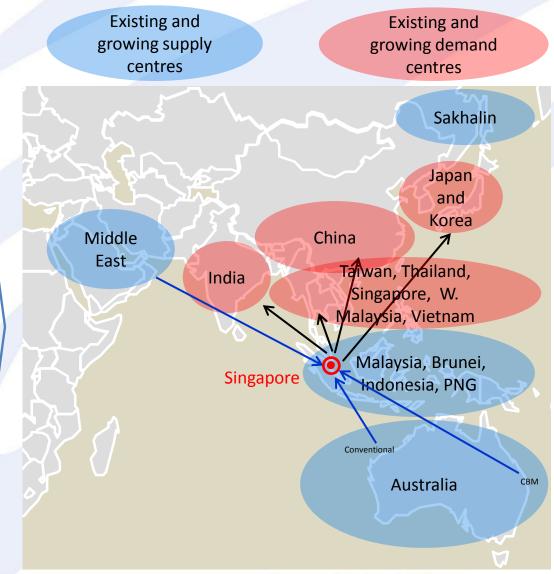
- Singapore LNG terminal has spare capacity which can be used for spot imports, reloading LNG and break-bulk of LNG.
- EMA released a draft consultation paper on the Principles of Proposed Terminal Access Code (TAC) to provide clarity on how third parties could access the terminal's facilities for ancillary services
- Objective of the TAC is to optimise the use of terminal's spare capacity after prioritizing long/short-term LNG imports
- TAC will draw from best practices of existing open-access terminals in EU.
- Terminal's spare capacity could take the form of standardized slots, which a Third Party could procure from the terminal operator to conduct spot/ancillary activities.

# **LNG Trading Opportunities**

Singapore is one of the world's largest oil trading and bunker hub, and is Asia's pricing centre for oil products.

# Could Singapore also be a LNG Trading and Bunkering hub?

- Many companies trading LNG have now opened offices in Singapore
- ✓ Tax incentive to attract trading offices
- Strategic location
- ✓ Well-developed gas infrastructure
- Business-friendly environment
- Global financial centre
- Synergies with existing strengths as oil trading hub



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