

ALE completes work on Australia Pacific LNG project

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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.