

Organizational Changes

INPEX CORPORATION (INPEX) announced that it has decided to reorganize its group structure as of September 1, 2005 as follows.

1. Organizational changes (as of September 1, 2005)

INPEX will implement organizational changes designed to improve its operational efficiencies from the perspective of the entire group. These changes will respond appropriately to the rapid expansion of the scope of its international activities and operations of recent years, and also to the changes in its management environment, including the public share offering of last November. These changes will also strengthen the group's competitiveness in the upstream business of petroleum and natural gas.

2. Main features of organizational changes

- (1) Project management will be enhanced by first dividing INPEX's areas of activity into three regions: the Asia Region; the Oceania and Americas Region; and the Eurasia, Middle East and Africa Region; and second by establishing "Business Headquarters" to oversee each of these regions.
- (2) A "Technology and Environmental Preservation Headquarters" will be established to strengthen the system of technical support, to raise the level of technology, to develop technical information, and to strengthen initiatives aimed at environmental preservation.
- (3) Sales and marketing activities will be strengthened by establishing a "Sales and Marketing Headquarters" to supervise the sales and marketing of petroleum and gas.
- (4) The functions of corporate governance will be strengthened by establishing a "General Administration and Planning Headquarters" to control personnel, legal affairs and corporate planning and management, together with an "Accounting, Finance and General Affairs Headquarters" to control the accounting and information systems.
- (5) Units, sub-units and groups will be established within each headquarters, to promote INPEX's business.