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## Plan of Constructing an LNG Import Terminal in Niigata

INPEX Holdings Inc. is pleased to announce that its 100% subsidiary TEIKOKU OIL, CO., LTD., launched a plan of constructing an LNG (liquefied natural gas) import terminal in Joetsu-Shi, Niigata Prefecture (at the Naoetsu Port area), Honshu Island, Japan to further promote the utilization of natural gas, and will look into the feasibility conducting discussions with the administrative bodies concerned.

Through our wide-spanning pipeline network covering approximately 1,300 km, we currently supply only the natural gas produced in Japan, mainly to the city gas enterprises and commercial/industrial customers in Tokyo metropolitan area and seven other prefectures spreading peripherally in the center of Honshu Island, Japan.

Demand for natural gas is expected to grow steadily due to rising price of crude oil and growing recognition of environmental issues and energy conservation.

Therefore, in order to obtain sufficient medium- to long-term supplying capacity of natural gas, we have decided to pursue a construction project of an LNG receiving terminal in Joetsu-Shi, an ideal position of vantage in our pipeline network.

### [Outline of Plan]

1. Construction site: Joetsu-Shi, Niigata Prefecture (at the Naoetsu Port area), Honshu Island, Japan
2. Facility outline: Two 180,000 kl storage tanks
3. Schedule: Start of commercial operation targeted at the end of 2013