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COUNTDOWN TO PLUTO START UP BEGINS

A significant milestone for the Pluto LNG Project was achieved on Sunday, 6 March 2011 as gas from the Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline was introduced to the Pluto onshore plant.

'Gas in', as the process is known, marks the change in status of the Pluto LNG Park from a construction site to a 'live' site.

The pipeline gas allows the plant's four 40 megawatt gas turbine generators to be fired up for the first time.

The generators, which can generate enough energy to power about 8,000 households, will provide electrical power to test the communications and production equipment in preparation for a safe start up in August 2011.

From next month, the pipeline gas will also be used to pressurise some 240 km of offshore pipelines out to the Pluto gas field before the production wells can be opened up to start production.

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