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Speech notes - Welcome to members of the Japan Natural Gas Survey Team

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SPEECH NOTES FOR THE PREMIER.

WELCOME TO MEMBERS OF THE JAPAN NATURAL GAS SURVEY TEAM.

30/6/71.

MISS DE YONGER,

MR. KELLY,

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

IT GIVES ME PARTICULAR PLEASURE TODAY TO WELCOME THE
JAPANESE NATURAL GAS SURVEY MISSION TO ADELAIDE.

YOUR VISIT PROVIDES FURTHER EVIDENCE OF THE GROWING TRADING
LINKS AND TIES DEVELOPING BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES -
LINKS WHICH MUST CONTINUE TO GROW IN THE FUTURE.

THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT IS PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS
TO FOSTER CLOSER TRADING AND INVESTMENT LINKS AND WE HAVE
EMBARKED ON AN ACTIVE POLICY TO ACHIEVE THIS.

2.

MY GOVERNMENT HAS ESTABLISHED CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT AND A NUMBER OF THE LARGER COMPANIES REPRESENTED HERE TODAY.

I HOPE TO BUILD ON THOSE CONTACTS WHEN I VISIT TOKYO AGAIN NEXT MONTH FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT.

YOUR VISIT NOW COMES AT A PARTICULARLY OPPORTUNE TIME.

IN ADDITION TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PIPED SUPPLIES OF NATURAL GAS FROM OUR FAR NORTH TO THE ADELAIDE MARKET, WE HAVE RECENTLY CONCLUDED A CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY OF GAS TO THE NEW SOUTH WALES MARKET.

THE CONSORTIUM OF EIGHT COMPANIES, INCLUDING THE SANTOS-DELHI PRINCIPALS, WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS ARE TO BE CONGRATULATED ON THEIR ENERGY AND PERSERVERANCE IN DEVELOPING AND ACQUIRING THIS VALUABLE OUTLET.

3.

IT HAS OPENED THE WAY FOR A MAJOR EXPLORATION EFFORT IN THE NORTH EAST OF OUR STATE TO CONFIRM THE RESERVES REQUIRED AND I HOPE, TOO, THAT THIS WILL PROVE NOT ONLY THE GAS RESERVES BUT MORE VALUABLE RESOURCES SUCH AS OIL.

UTILISATION OF NATURAL GAS RESOURCES TO SUPPLY THOSE TWO MARKETS WILL LEAD TO THE AVAILABILITY OF VALUABLE BY-PRODUCTS AND WE LOOK FORWARD ALSO TO THE EARLY DEVELOPMENT OF A LIQUIDS PROJECT IN THE FAR NORTH.

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NATURAL GAS AREA COULD WELL LEAD TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ANOTHER LARGE INDUSTRY IN THIS STATE - POSSIBLY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH JAPANESE INTERESTS.

4.

I TRUST YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH DELHI SANTOS TODAY ARE
WORTH WHILE AND IF THERE IS ANY WAY IN WHICH MY GOVERNMENT
CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT
MY DEPARTMENT.
