



NextDecade Appoints Key Marketing Personnel, Opens Offices in Singapore and Beijing

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Actions Reinforce NextDecade's Commitment to World's Largest and Fastest Growing LNG Markets

THE WOODLANDS, Texas, USA (April 16, 2018) — NextDecade Corporation ("NextDecade" or the "Company") (NASDAQ: NEXT) announced today that, effective April 23, 2018, James MacTaggart will join the Company as Senior Vice President, LNG Marketing – Asia. In addition, NextDecade has opened offices in Singapore and Beijing to serve customers throughout Asia.

"The appointment of James and the opening of these offices reinforce our commitment to serving the world's largest and fastest growing LNG markets," said Matt Schatzman, NextDecade President & Chief Executive Officer. "We believe focusing on these markets is key to achieving a successful Final Investment Decision on our Rio Grande LNG project."

MacTaggart has served more than 20 years with Shell in various marketing and trading positions. "I am honored to join the seasoned and highly capable team at NextDecade," said MacTaggart, who is based in, and will lead, NextDecade's Singapore office. "I am eager to bring to NextDecade's prospective customers the significant competitive advantages of the Rio Grande LNG project, including its market-leading EPC costs and its proximity to abundant, low-cost natural gas resources in the Permian Basin and Eagle Ford Shale."

Before joining NextDecade, MacTaggart was General Manager of Shell's New Gas and LNG Markets business in Asia, India, and the Middle East. During his time at Shell, MacTaggart originated, negotiated, and executed a significant number of deals in the upstream, gas and power, and LNG trading businesses. These activities included working to set up Shell Energy India, negotiating LNG sales contracts for the Sakhalin 2 LNG project, and selling some of the first LNG cargoes into the Middle East.

MacTaggart completed his undergraduate studies at the School of Oriental and African Studies in London, and holds an M.B.A. with distinction from Cass Business School.

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About NextDecade Corporation

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Located at the Port of Brownsville in South Texas, NextDecade's Rio Grande LNG project is expected to be a leader among second wave U.S. LNG projects. NextDecade believes its customers and shareholders will benefit from the project's experienced leadership, proven approach, and optimal location. NextDecade's technology selections are expected to foster operational reliability and afford NextDecade's customers access to abundant natural gas from the Permian Basin, Eagle Ford Shale, and other basins.

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