

East Asia Index (EAX)

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MARKET COMMENT

Strong Asian demand for **H2 December**

Demand in northeast Asia remains strong as buyers in Japan and China aim to secure volumes for second-half December deferey. Liquidity for this period is sail seen as relatively thin, given that seless have virtually no access to flexible volumes in the Pacific basin. The situator is only slightly better in the Atlantic basin, where traders are relying of unconventional means of supply, including reloads from northwest Europe.

"There are no free on board (FOB) cargoes available from the main production points that could be used to supply Asia in December." one portfolio seller said.

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"Some suppliers are looking to northwest Europe and Spain for potential supply deals, but these opportunities are very limited now," he added.

A series of planned maintenance programmes which kick in across several liquefaction plants over the final two months of the year are likely to add to supply tightness, Simon Henry, Anglo-Dutch major Shell's CFO, said in the company's quarterly presentation said in the company's quarterly presentation on 31 October.

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Shell, which exports from Russia, Malaysia, Australia, Oman, Brunei, and Nigeria,
expects to sell 900,000 less tonnes of ItNG in
the final quarter of 2013, compared with the
equivalent period last year when it recorded
5.5m tonnes of sales, the CFO said.
Additionally, Tinidads train 4 s also scheduled to be shut for maintenance in November.
Prices for delivery to Japan in the second
half of December were in the high \$17.00.9,
MMBtu, while second-half January cargoss
are now trading at above \$18.00MMptu,
according to a seller active in the region. according to a seller active in the region. This was echoed by another seller who said

This was echoed by another seller who said second-half December cargoes are now in the high \$17.00rMMBtu, close to \$18.00rMMBtu. Demand in China was cited as the key factor for the continuous upward trend seen across the four main markets in northeast Asia. After the failure of the latest tender from state-owned oil and gas company PetroChina to yield any issults, the company is still looking to purchase 10-15 cargoes for the upcoming winter, including one cargo for delivery in second, half December.

The tender for four cargoes closed on 18 October, but no awards were made as offers submitted were extremely high, sources said. The company anticipates a shortfall of 8 billion cuby metres (bcm) to 13.5bcm

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SPOT LNG - EAST	ASIA INDEX (EAX)			
Location	Dec '13	Day on day diff	Jan '14	Day on day diff
EAX	17.831	0.150	18.100	0.150
assessments used for each r provided for the EAX, in ad-	monthly index are published in t dition to the two full front mont	d averages of the DES assessments he SPOT DES ASSESSMENTS table of th indices. See table below. The ICIS software or uncharged average of	n page 2 of this repor Heren Regional Indic	t. Five half-month inputs are is are a continuation of the ICIS

SPOT LNG - KEY	ICIS ASSESSM	ENTS		\$/MMBtu
Location	DES/FOB	Delivery/loading period	Price	Day on day diff
Spain Reload	FOB	15-45 days	14.000	n/a
West Africa	FOB	20-40 days	14.400	0.000
India	DES	December '13	15.200	0.000
Argentina	DES	December '13	16.130	-0.040

SPOT LNG – EAST ASIA HALF MONTH INPUTS \$/MMBtt										
		Day on day diff								
EAX	17.788	0.150	17.875	0.150	18.050	0.150	18.150	0.150	18.250	n/a
Japan	17.800	0.150	17.900	0.150	18.050	0.150	18.150	0.150	18.250	n/a
South Korea	17.800	0.150	17.900	0.150	18.050	0.150	18.150	0.150	18.250	n/a
China	17.800	0.150	17.850	0.150	18.050	0.150	18.150	0.150	18.250	n/a
Taiwan	17.750	0.150	17.850	0.150	18.050	0.150	18.150	0.150	18.250	n/a

EAST ASIA	SPOT BIDS AND OFFER	\$/MMBtu		
Bid/Offer	Delivery Period	Price	Origin	Destination
Offer	H2 December	18.000	TBC	Japan
Offer	H1 January	18.500	TBC	Japan
Offer	H2 January	18.500	TBC	Japan
Bid	H1 December	17.250	TBC	Japan
Bid	H2 December	17.250	TBC	Japan

SPOT LNG – REGIONAL INDICES \$AMME						
Location	Dec '13	Day on day diff	Jan '14	Day on day diff		
South America (SAX)	15.630	-0.073	15.830	-0.077		
Mediterranean (MDX)	13.967	0.000	14.533	0.000		
NW Europe (NEX)	10.871	-0.214	11.082	-0.165		
Iberia (IBX)	12.442	-0.516	12.764	-0.532		

CHARTER RATES		\$/d
	Price	Day on day diff
Atlantic prompt	105000	10000
Pacific prompt	97500	4500
Atlantic mid-term	78000	0
Pacific mid-term	78000	0

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SPOT DES ASSES	SMENTS							\$/MMBtu
Location	Dec '13	Day on day diff	EAX Spread	NBP Spread	Jan '14	Day on day diff	EAX Spread	NBP Spread
Japan	17.850	0.150	0.019	6.633	18.100	0.150	0.000	6.608
South Korea	17.850	0.150	0.019	6.633	18.100	0.150	0.000	6.608
China	17.825	0.150	-0.006	6.608	18.100	0.150	0.000	6.608
Taiwan	17.800	0.150	-0.031	6.583	18.100	0.150	0.000	6.608
Singapore	17.500	0.150	-0.331	6.283	17.800	0.150	-0.300	6.308
Thailand	17.700	0.150	-0.131	6.483	17.900	0.150	-0.200	6.408
India	15.200	0.000	-2.631	3.983	15.450	0.000	-2.650	3.958
Dubai	14.524	-0.046	-3.307	3.307	14.795	-0.035	-3.305	3.303
Kuwait	14.424	-0.046	-3.407	3.207	14.695	-0.025	-3.405	3.203
Turkey	14.350	0.000	-3.481	3.133	15.100	0.000	-3.000	3.608
Greece	14.400	0.000	-3.431	3.183	14.950	0.000	-3.150	3.458
Italy	13.150	0.000	-4.681	1.933	13.550	0.000	-4.550	2.058
Spain	12.767	-0.166	-5.064	1.550	13.139	-0.107	-4.961	1.647
Portugal	12.817	-0.166	-5.014	1.600	13.239	-0.107	-4.861	1.747
Netherlands	10.660	-0.219	-7.171	-0.557	10.754	-0.195	-7.346	-0.738
Belgium	10.726	-0.212	-7.106	-0.492	10.941	-0.155	-7.159	-0.551
France	11.105	-0.214	-6.726	-0.112	11.375	-0.156	-6.725	-0.118
Britain	10.993	-0.212	-6.838	-0.224	11.260	-0.154	-6.840	-0.233
US Gulf	13.730	-0.090	-4.101	2.513	13.890	-0.090	-4.210	2.398
Chile	15.830	-0.090	-2.001	4.613	16.090	-0.090	-2.010	4.598
Brazil	14.930	-0.090	-2.901	3.713	15.090	-0.090	-3.010	3.598
Argentina	16.130	-0.040	-1.701	4.913	16.310	-0.050	-1.790	4.818

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Zeebrugge	13.74	-0.31
US Gulf	13.93	-0.09
SPOT FOB ASSESS	SMENTS	\$/MMBtu
Location	Price	Day on day diff
Middle East	16.260	0.040
North Africa	15.200	0.090
West Africa	14.400	0.000
Far East	17.180	0.070
Trinidad	13.530	-0.090
Northeast Asia	17.290	0.090
Australia	15.450	0.000
Northern Europe	14.470	0.050

Day on day diff

LATEST GLOBAL SPOT TRANSACTIONS							
Transaction date	Delivery Period	Price	Origin	Destination			
TBC	17/11/2013	\$17.60-17.70	Soyo	Futtsu			
22/10/2013	17/11/2013	\$17.50	Soyo	Futtsu			
25/10/2013	20/11/2013	TBC	Nigeria	Incheon			
TBC	23/11/2013	TBC	Huelva	Futtsu			
TBC	17/11/2013	TBC	Bonny	Yung An			

between November 2013 and March 2014, a
PetroChina source said.

Indian buyers out of the market
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MMBtu. Manubeni, in turn, sold the cargo to Tokyo Bectric (TEPCO) at around \$17.70′

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MMBtu, sources said.

This was the fifth cargo produced by the Angola LNG facility. The facility is currently in shutdown phase, according to an Angola LNG spokesman. The shutdown phase is expected to last 52 days.

gwes them some time to manoeuvre on the market," one seller active in India said. "However, with such strong demand elsewhere, it is unlikely that they will be able to push the sellers toward their goal price," the seller added.

Strong prices in northeast Asia have largely priced Indian buyers out of the prompt

Angola LNG cargo sold to Marubeni
The 160,000 cubic metre (cbm) Soyo is due to arrive at Futtsu LNG terminal in Japan on 17
November. The cargo was bought from the Angola LNG facility during the facility's last DES (delivered ex-ship) tender.

The cargo was purchased by Japanese trading house Marubeni for around \$17.50′ mid\$16.00s/MMBtu. Marubeni in turn sold the careo.

BP ship heads to Manzanillo

The BP-controlled 138,000cbm British Innovator is heading south through the

Innovator is heading south through the Atlantic Ocean after picking up reload volumes from Sagunto LNG terminal on 7 October. The vessel is understood to be carrying BPs latest commitment to Mexican utility Comision Federal de Electricidad (CFE). The British company was awarded eight cargoes for delivery to the Manzanillo terminal on Mexico's Pacific coast in a tender organised carlier this veer. Subject trafetrus and earlier this year. Swiss trader Trafigura and German utility RWE were awarded 19 and two cargoes respectively by CFE in the same round.

cargoes respectively by CFE in the same round. The British Innovator's delivery will be made despite an ongoing force majeure at Manzanillo since mid-September following a damage to a pipeline connecting the facility to the Mexican distribution grid.

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Adding pressure to the prompt was the postponement of maintenance work at the Teesside processing plant, which was due to start on 31 October. The outage will now take place on 8 November, restricting capacity at the facility by 100% for four days.

The rise in the pound relative to the euro followed news of a four-year low in eurozone inflation, leading to expectations of a loosening monetary policy.

Trade data seen by ICIS indicated a heavy sell-off on prompt and near-curve contracts. Weakness at the front played into the near curve, with all monthly contracts assessed by ICIS barring one losing at least one penny. November '13 shed value on its last day of trading but closed at the highest expiration for a front-month contract at the but closed at the highest expiration for a front-month contract at the end of October since 2008.

In addition to the currency shift, the price of Brent crude fell on 31 October, adding further pressure to contracts on the far curve.

NYMEX natural gas futures extended their recent losing streak into a fourth straight session as the milder temperature outlook for early November offset a bullish weekly gas storage report from the Energy

November offset a bullish weekly gas storage report from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), which documented a below-average injection into US inventories over the week ended 25 October. The December contract closed its second day as the front month lower by \$0.04MMBtu to close at \$3.58MMBtu, a fresh two and a half month low.

Concerns over high inventory levels and the near-term milder weather outlook pushed 2014 delivery contracts even lower, leaving the Henry Hub benchmark average for next year at \$3.73MMBtu. Underground storage levels across the lower 48 grev by 38 billion cubic feet, or 1.1 billion cubic metres, over the week ended 25 October, the EIA said in its weekly gas storage report.

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Stock levels now stand just below 3.8 trillion cubic feet, the equivalent to 97% of working capacity, although they remain at 3% below year ago levels and less than 2% above the five-year average following the latest injection.



KEY OIL AND GAS PRICE	\$/MMBtu	
Location	Price	Diff
ICIS Heren NBP Nov '13	10.740	-0.231
ICIS Heren NBP Dec '13	11.217	-0.216
ICIS Heren Zeebrugge Nov '13	10.479	-0.243
ICIS Heren Zeebrugge Dec '13	10.947	-0.216
ICIS Heren Japan Import Nov '13	16.354	0.000
ICIS Heren Japan Import Dec '13	16.433	0.000
Latest Published JCC Sep '13	18.640	0.025
NYMEX Henry Hub Dec '13	3.581	-0.039
NYMEX Henry Hub Jan '14	3.663	-0.048
ICIS Brent Nov '13	18.892	-0.178
ICIS Brent Dec '13	18.830	-0.178
NYMEX WTI Dec '13	16.667	-0.067
NYMEX WTI Jan '14	16.713	-0.071

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		Day on		Day on		Day on	
	Price	day diff	Price	day diff	Price	day diff	Updated
Singapore	616.00	1.00	627.00	2.00	918.00	2.00	01/11/201
Rotterdam	586.50	1.00	612.00	-0.50	n/a	n/a	31/10/201
ujairah	622.00	1.00	655.00	2.00	n/a	n/a	31/10/201
louston	599.50	0.50	674.00	1.00	n/a	n/a	31/10/201

AVAILABLE FOR CHARTER									
Ship name	Effective control	Availability window	Period	Size m ^a	Location	Tanks			
Gimi	Golar	Prompt	Open	125,000	Atlantic basin	Warm			
Excelerate	Excelerate	Prompt	Open	138,000	Atlantic basin	Cold			
Golar Seal	Golar	Prompt	Open	160,000	Pacific basin	Warm			
Golar Celsius	Golar	Prompt	Open	160,000	Pacific basin	Warm			
LNG Gemini	Golar	Prompt	Open	127,000	Atlantic basin	Cold			
Wilpride	Awilco	November	Open	156,000	Pacific basin	Warm			

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BG Group stays optimistic on Egypt LNG output

UK-based BG Group has been given a "very strong guarantee" from the Egyptian govern-ment that the Egypt LNG (ELNG) plant at Idku oemand season next summer, CEO Chris
Finlayson said on 31 October.
Egypt's soaring domestic gas demand has negatively affected existing LNG exporters, including BG Group and France-based energy

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group GDF SUEZ at the 7.2mtpa ELNG plant and Spain's Union Fenosa Gas at the 5.5mtpa Damietta plant.

affected BG Group's delivered LNG volumes, which fell by 13% year on year to 2.7m tonnes, or 44 cargoes. This was six fewer cargoes than the comparative period last year, including three fewer from NLNG and two fewer from ELNG.

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While the reduction in managed volumes contributed to a 12% year-on-year fall in operating profit for the group's LNG marketing arm to \$602m, interim CFO Den Jones said the company had held its full-year LNG profit guidance at \$2.5bn-2.7bn.

BG said that the domestic offtake from its off-shore West Delta Deep Marine (WDDM) concession stood at its technical maximum of around 1 shillion cubic field (PMISM year) the birth quarter

billion cubic feet (bcf)/day during the third quarter.
However, this has fallen to between 700 mowere, runs has failent to Detween 7/00 million cubic feet (mcf)/day and 750mc/day in October, and the company has received assurances from the Egyptian authorities that it will remain at this rate through the fourth quarter. This would allow 8g to increase production at ELNG above the 30% utilisation rate that it has run at during the summer.

The UK-headquartered company reiterated

The UK-headquartered company reiterated that its WDDM Phase 9a development project, which may potentially ease some of the supply tightness, was expected to start up in the second half of 2014.

However, Finlayson said that BG required However, Inflayson said that BG required further assurances from the Egyptian government regarding future domestic offiake levels from WDDM and an improvement in the government's debt position to BG before it commits and releases funds for WDDM Phase 9b (the next phase of development, aimed at prolonging plateau production of around 1bcf(day).

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"We are engaged in tails at the inginest level ... We want to invest in Egypt, but we need the right conditions," said Finlayson. Despite the supply issues in Egypt allied to the ramp-up of its supply commitments in Sin-gapore, the BG CEO was confident the group would have enough flexibility in its portfolio to gapore, the BG CEO was confident the group would have enough flexibility in its portfolio to meet its existing term supply contracts in 2014, although the company did not quantify how much IMG it was expected to have available for spot and short-term trade over the coming year. Bean Widthpratil

Israeli gas to Turkey will cost less than Russian volumes – source

A total of 8 billion cubic metres (bcm) of A total of 8 billion cubic metres (ccm) of traefinatural gas could reach furkey by 2016 at prices that are more competitive than Russian volumes, but more expensive than prospective prices for northern Iraqi gas, a source close to negotiadison told ICE. In a second phase, possibly in 2016-2019, Turkey could also hope to add 1.5-2.0bcm/ waer of gas from southern Cvoux, but such a

year of gas from southern Cyprus, but such a development depends on a thaw in the current political stand-off between the two nations.

Turkey is in talks with Israel over the import

Turkey is in talks with straet over the import of natural gas from its offshore resources, and Turkish company Turcas Petroleum has already applied to build a 470km pipeline. KCIS understands that the gas prices currently under discussion between Turkey and Israel range at \$320.00-390.00thousand cubic metres (kcm), which is cheaper than the \$429.00km that Turkish state company. the \$429.00/kcm that Turkish state company BOTAS pays for imported Russian natural gas, the source said.

He noted that the range would still be higher than the estimated \$250.00/kcm spective northern Iraqi gas could be that prospective northern Iraqi gas could be sold to Turkey for. A total of 10bcm/year is expected to reach Turkey from the Kurdish Region of Iraq by 2016. "The prices discussed in Israel are taking the Russian BOTAS price as a benchmark," the source said.

"In a first phase, it is very likely that we "In a first phase, it is very likely that we are going to see braeli gas coming to Turkey by 2016, which may be followed by gas from southern Cypus. However, this very much depends on Turkey's relationship with Nicosia because Turkey instead that northern [Turkish] Cyprus also gets a share of the proceedings. It will not be acceptable to have just southern Cyorus liknowled!"

Cyprus [involved]."

The source said the volumes will be earmarked for Turkey in a first stage, but there is also the possibility for reserves to reach

is also the possibility for reserves to reach European markets via Turkey. The discovery of the Leviathan and Tamar offshore fields in Israel as well as Cyprus' Dol-phin and Aphrodite fields put the countries on the path to energy independence and open up export opportunities for pipeline or ING from Turkey to eastern Asia. Combined, the resources of Israel and Corrus expeed 1. the resources of Israel and Cyprus exceed 1 trillion cubic metres of natural gas.

However, some regulatory ambiguities in Israel related to the quotas earmarked for internal consumption and volumes sold abroad have raised doubts about the country's ability

to become an exporter.

A High Court decision in Israel on 20 October ruled in favour of government plans to allow the export of 40% of the country's natural gas. It will also entitle Jordan to start receiving gas exports immediately. Aura Sabadus

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