



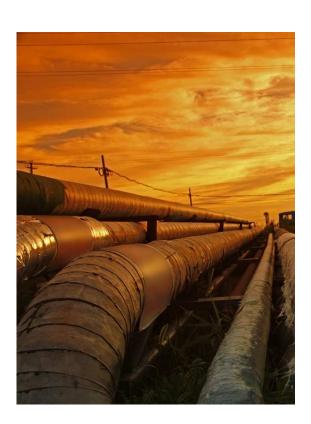
# Observations on US LNG Export Prospects in Latin America

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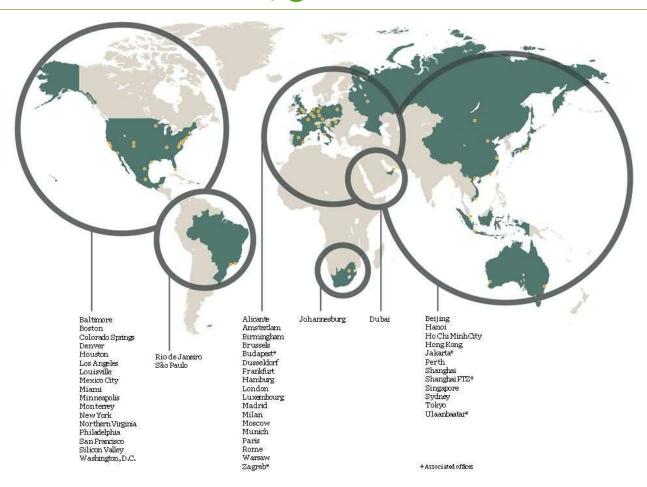
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#### **Discussion Map**

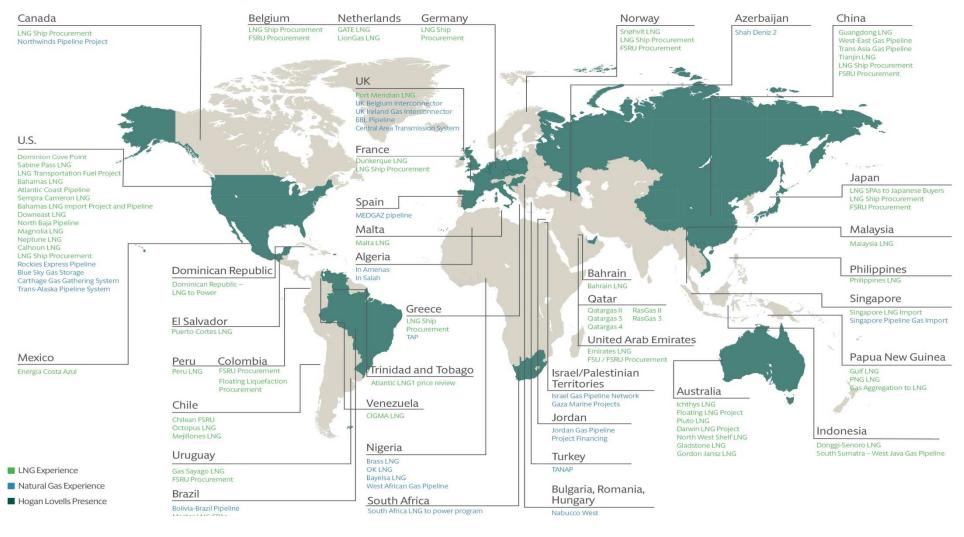
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#### Our LNG and Natural Gas Experience



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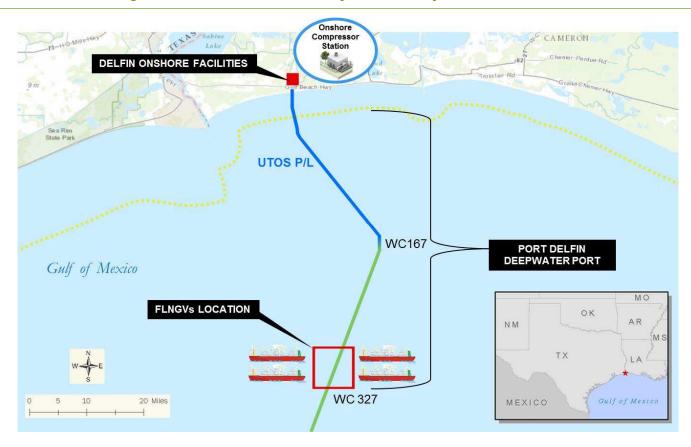
#### **Delfin Midstream**

- Delfin LNG Joint Venture
- First Offshore Floating Liquefied Natural Gas Project in North America



Expect To Be Operational 2021/22

## **Delfin LNG Project: 4 Primary Components**





#### LNG Flexibility and Latin America Market Variability



- Growing energy demand and economic growth profile (tempered by regulatory, political and fiscal complexities).
- LNG complements well both hydroelectric generation and the recent drive to expand wind and solar generation.
- At same time, historically, LNG imports have been highly variable (e.g., in Brazil, imports from 6 MTPA (2015) to 1.75 MTPA (2017)).
- Other long term considerations include large unexplored reserves of unconventional gas in Brazil and Argentina; alternative plays in other markets (e.g., recent US-China "trade truce").

#### Implications of Sanctions Regime on US LNG Exports

- Iran and Russia have among largest conventional reserves of natural gas globally. Both recently announced new liquefaction projects.
- With respect to Iran and the US withdrawal from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, the re-imposition of US sanctions will eliminate (1) opportunities for non-US companies to engage in almost every key industry sector (including energy and petrochemicals and shipping) without potential exposure and (2) the ability of foreign subsidiaries of US companies (or other non-U.S. entities "owned or controlled" by U.S. persons, such as 50/50 joint ventures) to engage in authorized business in Iran (pursuant to OFAC General License H).
- In short- to medium-term, one collateral effect of US sanctions provides further market growth potential in Latin America (and elsewhere) for US LNG.
- Stay tuned for further UK/European nation response and implications for US LNG.



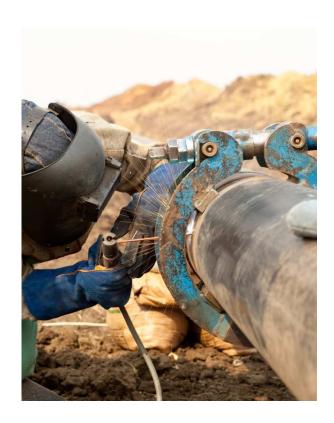
#### "Operation Car Wash" and ABC Considerations



- As you know, there has been a large scale crackdown on bribery and corruption regionally, such as the Brazilian "Car Wash" scandal and other ABC investigations affecting other Latin America countries.
- Practical implications for all companies engaging in business in Latin America:
  - Understand methods used by corrupt local employees and government officials.
  - Create <u>and enforce</u> strict company policies and procedures regarding vendor and accounts payable processes.
  - Provide training to <u>broader group of employees</u>, not just those that have direct access to company funds.
  - Implement robust third party agreements and protocols with respect to third party agents.

#### Petrobras Divestment Program

- In effort to reduce debt burden and focus on core businesses, Petrobras is in the midst of a multi-billion domestic/global divestment plan.
- In Brazil, Petrobras has sold or announced an intention to sell several natural gas- and LNG-related infrastructure assets and companies.
- In natural gas and LNG space, provided the Brazilian regulatory environment also evolves, the diminished SOE/government role could lead to opportunities for US players.



#### BNDES Refocus v. Relative Availability of ECA Financing



- Shifting view of BNDES/government role in financing development in Brazil, protecting domestic business and subsidizing private investment.
- Depending on the target project and the application of proceeds, competitive financing may be available to sponsors/developers from several export agencies in the US, UK or Europe.

# Onshore Regas v. FSRU

Onshore Terminals	FSRUs
Provides a more permanent solution	Allows for quicker fuel switching
Offers longer-term supply security	Greater flexibility if there are space constraints or no useable ports
Greater gas storage capacity	Capable of operating further offshore
Generally requires lower operating expenditures (OPEX)	Generally requires less CAPEX
Option for future expansions	Less land regulations





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