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Re: Gato Negro Permitium Uno, S.A.P.I. de C.V. – Semi-Annual Progress Report DOE/FE Docket No. 24-43-LNG

Pursuant to Ordering Paragraph J of DOE/FECM Order No. 5171, issued October 1, 2024, Gato Negro Permitium Uno, S.A.P.I. de C.V., ("Gato") provides the following semi-annual report covering the period October 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025.

Gato is involved in the development of the Gato Negro Manzanillo Liquefied Natural Gas Facility in the Manzanilla, Colima, Mexico Area (the "Facility") and will transport natural gas from the U.S. Permian Basin to the Facility, crossing the U.S./Mexican border.

The following updates the status of the Facility.

- Land is under control.
- All Mexican permits have been submitted, and 90% plus have been granted with just a few federal permits pending, subject to changes in Mexican laws and permitting personnel.
- Gato Negro Manzanilla Uno LNG acquired a U.S. DOE Natural Gas Export/Re-Export Permit for FTA Destination Countries in October 2024.
- Gato Negro Manzanilla Dos applied for an U.S. DOE Natural Gas Export/Re-Export Permit for non-FTA Destination Countries in August 2024.
- The natural gas supplier selection has been narrowed down to three contenders.
- Gato has executed a Letter of Intent that covers gas transportation with U.S. and Mexican gas pipelines; nonetheless, natural gas transportation is expected to be the responsibility of natural gas suppliers.
- The EPC contractor selection has been narrowed down to one of three companies, and Gato anticipates naming its EPC contractor within the next 30 days.

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- Insurance broker selection has been narrowed down to one of two companies, and Gato anticipates naming its Insurance Broker during the next thirty days.
- Natural Gas Liquefaction Technology has been selected.
- The financial advisor has been selected.
- Potential customers have been prioritized, and selection is subject to acquiring the U.S. DOE Export/Re-Export Permit for non-FTA Destination Countries.
- FID is targeted for late

2025 or early 2026.

COD is targeted for late 2029 or early 2030.

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (202)747-1946.

Thank you for your time and attention on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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