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**To:**

U.S. Department of Energy  
Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management

**From:**

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**Regarding:**

Natural Gas Export Semi-Annual Status Reporting  
Docket #24-43-LNG

Big River Energy is a partner in the development of the Gato Negro Manzanillo Liquefied Natural Gas Facility in the Manzanillo, Colima, Mexico Area and will transport natural gas from the U.S. Permian Basin to the Facility; crossing the U.S./Mexican border.

**Status:**

- Land is under control.
- All Mexican permits have been completed, but waiting on the issuance of the Federal Environment Permit under the new administration, and subsequently the Commercial Permit.
- Gato Negro Manzanillo LNG has acquired a U.S. DOE Natural Gas Export/Re-Export Permit for FTA Destination Countries.



- Gato Negro Manzanillo LNG applied for a U.S. DOE Natural Gas Export/Re-Export Permit for non-FTA Destination Countries in August 2024.
- Natural Gas Supplier selection has been narrowed down to two.
- Natural Gas Transportation will be the responsibility of Natural Gas Suppliers; but Gato Negro Manzanillo LNG has executed a Letter of Intent that covers gas transportation with the U.S. and Mexican gas pipelines.
- Gato Negro Manzanillo LNG has engaged Samsung E&A for Pre-FEED/FEED/EPC services.
- Insurance Broker selection has been narrowed down to two companies.
- Gato Negro Manzanillo LNG has engaged Mizuho Securities USA LLC as Financial Advisor.
- Binding Letters of Intent for LNG offtake have been executed for more than the capacity of the entire Facility. Final selection of Customers will depend on the issuance of the U.S. DOE Export/Re-Export Permit for non-FTA Destination Countries.
- We target FID late 2027.
- We target COD late 2030.

Please contact us if you desire additional information.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Steve Magness', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steve Magness

Manager, Big River Energy, LLC

Manager, Gato Negro Manzanillo Liquefied Natural Gas, S.A.P.I. de C.V.