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Naming of newly-built LNG vessel

On December 10, 2008, Osaka Gas Co., Ltd. ("Osaka Gas") (President: Hiroshi Ozaki) named the new LNG vessel (KSC No. 1591) "LNG BARKA." It was built by Kawasaki Shipbuilding Corporation (President: Tomokazu Taniguchi).

NYK LNG (Atlantic) Limited, a subsidiary of the NYK Group (President: Koji Miyahara) in the UK, will be responsible for the vessel's management and operation. It will be used primarily for transportation of LNG (liquefied natural gas) from the Sultanate of Oman to Japan under a contract with Osaka Gas, and will make its first voyage to the Sultanate of Oman in January, 2009.

The word "BARKA" is an Arabic word meaning "blessing." Osaka Gas will make continued efforts to build friendly relations with the Sultanate of Oman.

Osaka Gas will continue its commitment to economical and stable supply of LNG.

Overview of the newly-built vessel

Vessel's name: LNG BARKA

Vessel's nationality: the Commonwealth of the Bahamas

Total length: 289.5m Width: 49.0m Depth: 27.0m Full draft: 11.90m

LNG tank capacity: 153,643m³ (under the condition of -163 and 98.5%

Gross tonnage: about 122,000 tons Dead-weight tonnage: about 77,000 tons

Cruising speed: 19.5 knots

Shipbuilding yard: Kawasaki Shipbuilding Corporation

Ship management company: NYK LNG (Atlantic) Limited

Completion schedule: December 29, 2008

