

**Hess awards Wood Group Kenny FEED contract for Equus project**

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Wood Group Kenny has been awarded a contract to carry out the front end engineering and design (FEED) for the subsea development of Equus, Hess Exploration Australia's first deepwater gas project in offshore Western Australia.

The Equus project development consists of natural gas and condensate gas fields and is located 180km North of North West Cape and approximately 300km West of Karratha in the Northern Carnarvon Basin, Western Australia, in water depths of up to 1,200m.

The subsea and pipelines FEED contract award is valued at \$8 million (AUD) and will see Wood Group Kenny perform the subsea, umbilical and flowlines FEED.

Under the contract, the international subsea engineering company will deliver a work scope that includes flow assurance; subsea engineering; flowlines, export pipeline and tie-ins design; material selection and integrity management.

Work will commence in December 2011 for a duration of 12 months. Wood Group Kenny will execute the work from a dedicated project engineering office in Perth, Australia.

Steve Wayman, CEO of Wood Group Kenny said: "This is a significant contract for Wood Group Kenny and we are excited to be working with Hess on their first offshore deepwater project in Western Australia.

"Equus is a complex development and one of the key challenges for us will be engineering the export pipeline that is to be routed up the North West Shelf escarpment. We have a team of some of the best subsea engineers in the business though and look forward to working with Hess to devise fit-for-purpose subsea engineering solutions."

This contract follows the award of the subsea FEED contracts for Browse and Julimar to Wood Group Kenny, reinforcing the company's position as the regional leader in subsea and pipeline engineering.

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