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PETRONAS-WEST NATUNA  
PETRONAS RECEIVES FIRST GAS FROM WEST NATUNA

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 8 (Bernama) -- Petronas today received the delivery of first natural gas from West Natuna, Indonesia, marking a key milestone in the relationship between Malaysia and Indonesia.

In a statement here today, Petronas said the occasion also saw the establishment of a relationship between Petronas and its Indonesian counterpart, Pertamina.

Under the gas sales agreement signed between Petronas and Pertamina in March 2001, Pertamina would supply up to 250 million standard cubic feet (SCF) of gas per day for a period of 20 years.

The natural gas from West Natuna would be delivered via a 100-km, 18-inch pipeline from the Hang Tuah movable offshore production platform in the Indonesian waters to the Duyong gas platform offshore Peninsular Malaysia.

"The Hang Tuah facility is operated by Conoco Indonesia Inc Ltd, while the Duyong platform is operated by Petronas Carigali Sdn Bhd, a subsidiary of Petronas," said the company.

Petronas said the 100-km pipeline was the latest component of the growing interconnection of cross-border gas infrastructure in ASEAN and charts another important step towards the realisation of the Trans-ASEAN Gas Pipeline network.

"The linkages to and interconnection between the existing and future infrastructure in the gas-prolific areas in ASEAN will help secure the supply of gas to meet the region's increasing energy requirements," it said.

The historic occasion was witnessed by the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Indonesian president, Megawati Soekarnoputri. --  
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