

GIANTS OF SAKHALIN

Austrade has held a third mission for potential Australian suppliers to the giant Sakhalin-2 offshore gas project. The first of two concrete gravity base structures totalling 210,000 tonnes is under tow up the Sea of Japan from Vostochniy to the platform site off Sakhalin. Story, page 13.

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Companies vie for stake in energy project

AUSTRALIAN companies are among those competing for a slice of the action in a huge offshore energy project on the Russian far eastern island of Sakhalin.

The main investors in Sakhalin-2 are Japan and the United States but companies from other countries are involved.

The oil and gas exploration project involves the construction of two huge structures.

The tow of the first of these from Vostochniy to the production site off Sakhalin, is underway.

According to Austrade, Australian companies can be very competitive in this long-term project.

Apart from oil and gas exploration, there is scope in infrastructure development and transport, logistics,

environmental monitoring and supply of other various products and services.

"Over 15 years, I have assisted many companies, including Telstra and BHP, in dealing with Russia and other former republics of the Soviet Union," New South Wales-based business development consultant Igor Savitsky, of Southern Cross Enterprises International, said.

He is presently under contract to an Australian company negotiating work on Sakhalin."

The project also involves construction of two offshore platforms.

Samsung will build the upper part of the platforms in South Korea, while the bottom gravity base structure has been built in Vostochniy near Nakhodka,



COMPLEX MATTERS: The two concrete gravity base structures of the Sakhalin-2, a long-term oil and gas exploration project, are now complete and weigh a combined 210,000 tonnes.

the second largest seaport in Russia. The two concrete gravity base structures (CGBS) of Sakhalin-2, are the

most complex structures of their kind. They took more than three years to build. The structures weigh about

115,000 tonnes and 95,000 tonnes respectively.

"The final tow of the first structure is an important

event for our port," the deputy harbour master of Port Vostochniy, Alexander Kuvshinov, said.