

## Exchange between Timor-Leste and Indonesia in the area of oil and gas

Last December, a delegation led by the President of the National Petroleum and Mineral Authority (NPMA), Gualdino da Silva, visited the island of Bali, in Indonesia, with the objective of discussing opportunities for cooperation between the two countries in the oil and gas sector.

This meeting resulted in multiple action plans, which include opportunities for exchanges in the fields of Education (with training for Timorese students at the Stem Akamigas polytechnic institute in Indonesia, on the island of Java) and Geology and Geophysics, with the development of skills and joint studies and research in oil and gas exploration. For now, a project for a liquefied natural gas terminal, in Indonesia or in Timor-Leste, and the construction of a gas pipeline between Beaco (on the south coast of Timor-Leste) and Kupang (West Timor) are expected.

This meeting came following the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia and Timor-Leste regarding cooperation in the area of Energy, Petroleum and Mineral Resources, on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016, during the [official visit of President Joko Widodo](#) to our country.

The next meeting on this matter will be held in Timor-Leste, in the second quarter of 2017.

Apart from Gualdino da Silva, members from the Institute of Petroleum and Geology and the public company TIMOR GAP, on behalf of the Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, in addition to observers from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, were present. The delegation of Indonesia included representatives from the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources, the Centre for Development and Research of Oil and Gas Technologies, Pertamina, the National Gas Company, Rekayasa Industri, Patra Badak Arun Solusi, and Badak NGL.

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