



May 17, 2012
Díli, Timor-Leste

The People's Pipeline Unveiled

The Government of Timor-Leste has unveiled the prototype for the pipeline from Greater Sunrise to the south coast of Timor-Leste in a stunning display at a luncheon that concluded the Timor-Leste Development Partners Meeting.

Prime Minister, His Excellency Xanana Gusmão, gathered the partners and unveiled the six-meter long pipeline that stands as a monument at the front of the Palácio do Governo.

The writing on the pipe expresses the manufacturers "pride in contributing to the passage to prosperity of the nation of Timor-Leste and its people" and was recently delivered by European manufacturer Europipe. A plaque next to the pipe shows a map of the waters between Timor-Leste and Australia and the current pipeline from Bayu Undan which travels some 500 kilometers to Darwin and has provided a huge economic boost to the Northern Territory. It also shows the much shorter distance of the pipeline from Greater Sunrise to the southern shores of Timor-Leste.

The German based Europipe company has recently worked on a detailed study in preparation for the construction of a 1,700 kilometer pipeline between India and Qatar with the pipeline in this project designed for use in waters to a depth of 3,500 meters. The Timor-Leste pipeline would be considerably shorter, with the Greater Sunrise field only 230 kilometers offshore and in waters to a depth of 3,000 meters.

Some participants wept tears of joy at seeing the tangible evidence that the pipeline is a sound, feasible and cost effective solution especially considering the short distance between the field and the shore.

Yesterday the Secretary of State for Natural Resources His Excellency Alfredo Pires told the group assembled, including international development partners, international organizations, members of the Government, the National Parliament, civil society, the private sector and the local media, of the comprehensive and detailed analysis conducted over the past three years in order to reach this point of prototyping the Timor-Leste pipeline.

The Timor-Leste pipeline is now known as **the people's pipeline**.

Ágio Pereira +670 723 0011

E-mail:

agio.pereira@cdm.gov.tl

or

govtlmedia@gmail.com

Website:

www.timor-leste.gov.tl

M
E
D
I
A
R
E
L
E
A
S
E