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Continued Study on Development of Carbon-Neutral Hub in Tomakomai

HOKKAIDO GAS CO., LTD. (the “Company”) hereby announces that it has decided today to continue its study of equipment details and construction period for the carbon-neutral hub at Tomakomai East Port, aimed at promoting GX, as announced on January 7, 2025, beyond the initial planned period (FY2024-FY2025). We will provide updates on the detailed schedule and other matters as appropriate, based on the progress of the study.

[Reference: Summary of the announcement on January 7, 2025]

The Kitagas Group is working toward the realization of a low-carbon and carbon-neutral society in Hokkaido by expanding the adoption of renewable energy in collaboration with local communities across the prefecture and by pursuing next-generation technologies such as hydrogen and e-methane*. We are also promoting thorough energy conservation through collaboration with our customers and the introduction of efficient energy systems utilizing digital technology, while expanding the use of natural gas (LNG), which offers superior supply stability and environmental performance.

To further accelerate the promotion of GX in Hokkaido, we are considering the construction of a new LNG terminal in the Tomakomai area, in which energy infrastructure is concentrated. The terminal will serve as the Kitagas Group’s carbon-neutral hub, with an eye toward the future introduction of hydrogen and e-methane. By reliably meeting the anticipated increase in natural gas (LNG) demand and charting a course toward a future carbon-neutral era, we will contribute to the stable supply of energy and the promotion of GX in Hokkaido.

* It refers to synthetic methane produced using non-fossil energy sources such as green hydrogen. Although e-methane emits carbon dioxide when burned, it does not increase the amount of CO₂ in the atmosphere because it uses carbon dioxide recovered from exhaust gases and other sources as a feedstock.



(Studied location: Tomakomai East Port)



(Reference: The Company’s Ishikari LNG Terminal)

< Overview of the study >

Studied location: Aza Benten, Tomakomai-shi (Land owned by Tomakomai Port Authority)

Studied facilities: LNG terminal (facilities for receiving ocean-going vessels, LNG tanks, LNG vaporizers, facilities for loading domestic vessels and tank trucks, etc.), facilities for utilizing hydrogen and e-methane, and others