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**Via Electronic Mail**

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Attention: Natural Gas Reports

**Re: Golden Pass LNG Terminal LLC  
DOE/FE Order No. 3147, FE Docket No. 12-88-LNG  
DOE/FE Order No. 3978, FE Docket No. 12-156-LNG  
Golden Pass LNG Export Project  
Semi-Annual Report – April 1, 2023**

To: Office of Regulation and International Engagement

In accordance with Ordering Paragraph J of DOE/FE Order No. 3147 issued September 27, 2012, and Ordering Paragraph O of DOE/FE Order No. 3978 issued April 25, 2017 Golden Pass LNG Terminal LLC (“GPLNG”) submits its semi-annual report describing the progress of the GPLNG Export Project at the Golden Pass LNG Terminal due April 1, 2023.

Should you have any questions, please contact Cecil Ogden at [cecil.ogden@goldenpasslng.com](mailto:cecil.ogden@goldenpasslng.com) or 713-324-6770.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Progress of the Golden Pass Export Project**

On July 7, 2014, Golden Pass Products LLC ("GPP") and Golden Pass Pipeline LLC ("GPPL") (collectively "Golden Pass") filed formal applications with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC" or "Commission") under Section 3 and Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act in Docket Nos. CP14-517-000 and CP14-518-000, respectively, to construct and operate LNG export facilities near Sabine Pass, Texas. On December 21, 2016, the FERC issued an order authorizing Golden Pass' applications in Docket Nos. CP14-517 and CP14-518. The December 21 Order is subject to 83 environmental conditions as explained in Appendix A of the order. No parties filed for rehearing of this order. On July 29, 2022, FERC issued an Order amending Golden Pass LNG's, 2016 Authorization Order to allow increased construction workforce, bussing, and work week/hour limits from those originally authorized for construction of the GPX Terminal.

Golden Pass submitted copies of the April 22, 2016, Federal Aviation Authority ("FAA") determinations on October 13, 2016, to the FAA that there would be no hazard to aircraft from the proposed LNG terminal facilities. A request for an extension of the permit submitted to the FAA on September 28, 2017 was subsequently granted on October 5, 2017. Since FAA only allows for one extension, Golden Pass received new determinations on April 22, 2019 from FAA that there would be no hazard to aircraft from the Golden Pass facility. Those determinations were renewed on Sept. 28, 2020 and expired on March 28, 2022. On May 10, 2022 new determinations were issued by FAA.

Effective June 18, 2019, GPP was merged with and into Golden Pass LNG Terminal LLC ("GPLNG"). Pursuant to Section 3(a) of the Natural Gas Act ("NGA"), 15 U.S.C. § 717b(a), and Part 590 of the Regulations of the Department of Energy/Office of Fossil Energy ("DOE/FE"), GPP and GPLNG submitted a Statement of Change in Control seeking authorization to restructure ownership of the corporate entity authorized to engage in the exportation from and importation to the United States of liquefied natural gas ("LNG"). As a result of the restructuring, certain authorizations currently held by GPP to export LNG from the United States have been assigned, or transferred by merger to GPLNG.

On May 21, 2020, GPLNG filed an application under Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act and in accordance with Part 153 of the Commission's regulations to amend its authorization to increase the total LNG production capacity at its three trains to 18.1 mtpa. On January 19, 2021, the Commission granted the requested authorization.

**Application to Increase Level of Authorized Quantities under FE12-103-LNG**

On April 27, 2022, the Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy (“DOE/FE”) issued Order No. 3978-E amending Golden Pass LNG’s existing long-term authorization to export LNG by vessel from the Golden Pass LNG Terminal to non-free trade agreement countries by increasing GPLNG’s approved export volume from the equivalent of 808 to 937 billion cubic feet per year (Bcf/yr) of natural gas. Sierra Club submitted a request for rehearing of the order on May 27, 2022. Golden Pass LNG filed an Answer to Sierra Club’s Request for Rehearing. On June 24, 2022, the DOE/FE issued Order No. 3978-F dismissing Sierra Club’s Request for Rehearing in its entirety. On August 22, 2022, Sierra Club filed a petition for Review of the DOE Orders 3978-E and 3978-F.

### **Date GPLNG Export Project is Expected to be Operational**

On October 28, 2019, Golden Pass LNG Terminal LLC (GPLNG) filed with the DOE/FE a “Request for Extension of Commencement Deadlines. The DOE/FE granted the requested extension on March 24, 2020. The amended orders authorize GPLNG to commence commercial export operations no later than September 30, 2025. Subject to final shareholder approvals, GPLNG anticipates commencing start-up operations and commissioning of train 1 in late 2024 and declaring commercial operations pursuant to its two Amended and Restated Sales and Purchase Agreements in early 2025.

### **Construction Progress of LNG Trains**

Golden Pass has continued to carry out activities, such as storm water protection, levee construction, stockpiling of materials, and piling. Erection of structural steel and piping installation in Trains 1 and 2, Utilities, Condensate, and Brownfield areas have progressed, as well as foundation work in Train 3. Golden Pass has continued to set process vessels on respective foundations and construction of permanent buildings. The project continues to utilize support laydown facilities and follow COVID-19 Response Plan, aligned with local, state, and federal guidelines.

Golden Pass continues to monitor status of wetland restoration in the JD Murphree Wildlife Management area under Golden Pass’ Wetlands Compensatory Mitigation Plan.

### **Status of Long-Term Gas Supply Contracts**

Since the last Semi – Annual Report, Golden Pass LNG Terminal LLC (GPLNG) has reported signing one long-term natural gas sale and purchase agreement supply contract, with NextEra Energy Marketing LLC.

### **Status of Long-Term LNG Export Contracts**

Since the last Semi – Annual Report, O LNG assigned thirty percent (30%) of its rights and obligations in and from the SPA to ExxonMobil Asia Pacific PTE. LTD and seventy percent (70%) of its interest to the SPA to QatarEnergy Trading LLC. Golden Pass LNG Terminal LLC (GPLNG) has reported signing two long-term LNG sale and purchase agreements for exporting LNG, with QatarEnergy Trading LLC and ExxonMobil Asia Pacific PTE. LTD.

