



# USA ENERGY LNG

Liquefaction Project Team

# board and executive management

## **Christopher G. DeClaire; President / Chief Executive Officer; Board Member**

35 years in executive management, including 10 years in the international contract drilling industry. Chris was Co-founder of Vantage Drilling in 2006. Served as CFO to take the company operational and IPO and then served as Vice President and Chief Administration Officer of Vantage Drilling until March 2016 overseeing the company's compliance, IT and legal functions. Prior to Vantage Chris was CEO of Skillmaster, which he grew to become the largest provider of nuclear engineers and contract services to all major U.S. nuclear power facilities. Chris also served six years in the United States Coast Guard.

## **Paul A. Bragg; Board Chair**

40 years in Executive Management of Oilfield Services in the International Contract Drilling industry, both offshore and onshore. Until March 2016, Paul was Chairman of the Board and CEO of Vantage Drilling, which he co-founded in late 2006. Paul was with Pride International from 1993-2005, serving primarily as its CEO. Paul led the company's transformation into one of the world's largest drilling contractors, with operations in nearly 40 countries. Pride became a Fortune 1000 company under Paul's leadership.

## **Steve Trauber; Board Member**

Steve retired from Citi as the Vice Chairman and Global Co-Head of Natural Resources and Clean Energy Transition where he led the at New York-based Citigroup to reduce carbon emissions. He has helped assemble hundreds of oil and natural-gas deals over the years, including Occidental Petroleum Corp.'s purchase of Anadarko Petroleum Corp. for \$37 billion in 2019. Steve's previous experience includes UBS after earlier stints at Morgan Stanley and a predecessor firm of Credit Suisse Group AG. Steve double-majored in economics and management at Rice University. Steve also earned his MBA Business from Northwestern University, Kellogg School of Management.



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## **Don Hill; Board Member**

A 40-year LNG executive with extensive background and experience in the LNG and gas processing industries, including all phases of plant design, engineering, start-up, and testing.. Presently Don is the Principal and Owner of DKH LNG Consultants. Don served as the Global Vice President & LNG Product Line for McDermott. Prior to that he served as CB&I's Senior Vice President, Strategy & Initiatives, and Don worked nearly 30 years at KBR involved in practically all of their LNG projects. As KBR's Director of LNG, GTL, & Gas Processing Technology, he led the technology team responsible for the application and development of LNG and Gas Processing technologies. In his various roles he has lived and worked in the Middle East, Japan, Australia, Southeast Asia, Europe, Africa, Peru, and the USA. Don has a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Chemical Engineering from Rice University and holds three patents for cryogenic processes.

## **Jay Marqua; Chief Financial Officer / Chief Administrative Officer; Board Member**

30 years in Executive Management in Energy and Financial Industries. Jay served nine years as CIO and CSO for Vantage Drilling International. Prior to Vantage Jay was an Energy Industry Consultant providing Board Advisory Services on Technology, Cyber Governance, Information Systems and SAP ERP. Jay's Chief Financial Officer positions include SunRay Park and Casino, Syndicom and most recently Chief Financial Officer for RegSmart, a Financial Industry consulting firm providing Board Advisory Services on Anti-Money Laundering and Bank Secrecy Act. Jay was Managing Director of a professional services group that served in fractional and Executive in Residence (EIR) roles for Private Equity Groups specializing in new development and transformation projects.



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## **Hugh R. James; Board Member**

40 years working both within and beyond North America. Hugh has taken organizations from startup to multi-billion-dollar enterprises including Pakistan's largest foreign investment and Korea's first LNG project. Experience includes development and financing of pipeline, oil & gas, power generation, production and export infrastructure. Hugh's track record has involved complex political, regulatory, and economic environments both domestic and international. He has structured projects and restructured companies including LPG/LNG operations in Japan, Korea, North America, and Australasia. He is Managing Director of PCG Inc., an industry consulting firm providing executive, business and strategy expertise.

## **Steinar Thomassen; Board Member**

40 years in LNG, Industrial Shipping, and International Drilling. Steinar served in Executive Management roles with Mobil, Statoil, and Navion ASA, and was a Board Member of Vantage Drilling International as Chairman of the Audit Committee and Lead Director. He is an LNG Industry Consultant specializing in large scale LNG shipping projects.



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## **Allan Bounds, LNG Marketing and Trading**

Allan Bounds has had a 40-year career in the energy industry, culminating in his role as a sales and trading LNG executive. Overseeing areas such as feedgas, liquefaction, shipping, LNG re-gas, master sales and purchase agreements, and more, Allan specialized in Natural Gas Transmission, Distribution, Marketing, Trading, and Risk Management. He was responsible for full P&L oversight of National Marketing Departments and Project Teams and was sought-after for his expertise in LNG Transactions, Fuel Acquisition, LNG Shipping and other structured products. Allan joins USA Energy LNG after retiring from Macquarie Commodity and Global Markets Group, a top-tier international energy trading firm. Allan's expertise is fortified by an MBA in Management and Finance, coupled with disciplined leadership skills honed during his military service in the United States Navy.

## **Vidal G. Martinez, General Counsel**

35 years in Private Practice handling primarily International Commercial Business transactions. Vidal began his career in 1978 as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Houston with the Civil Division of the Department of Justice. He has experience in litigation and transactional matters and has managed complex client matters in numerous foreign jurisdictions. He is also a nationally recognized expert in the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, and has handled numerous worldwide investigations for clients and the subsequent negotiations with the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Securities Exchange Commission. Vidal was admitted as a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.



# executive team: LNG projects

## **Jim Kizer; Senior Executive, LNG Projects**

35 year O&G veteran leading Engineering, Construction, Commissioning and Operations for international and domestic energy sector projects. Recent new LNG project development includes; Cameron LNG, Cheniere, Next Decade, Venture Global and Peru LNG.

## **Tim West; Senior Operations Consultant**

40 years Oil and Gas energy sector veteran. Prior to retirement from Chevron served as worldwide Technical Manager for major projects. Division Manager and Process Engineering Manager for Chevron. Operations Superintendent for Tengizchevroil Project. Highly involved in Gorgon, Wheatstone, and Angola LNG project execution, CSU and stabilization of the facilities. Recent advisory experience with Cameron LNG, Cheniere, Next Decade.

## **John O’Leary; LNG Operations and Plant Development**

35 year Development and Operating Executive. 20 years with Exxon focused on development and operations of LNG projects. Proven track record of successful complex plant startups. Recent roles as Sr VP Operations Venture Global LNG, and Chief Operating Officer Cameron LNG Holdings.

## **Pankaj Shah; LNG Engineering and Plant Development**

35 years of experience (Chevron & KBR) in facility design and operations support including feasibility studies, pre-FEED, FEED, EPC, commissioning, startup, operations support, optimization, and debottlenecking efforts in engineering lead roles for Chevron Corporation in downstream and LNG facilities. Process expert in LNG sector.

## **Bob Dimitroff; LNG Technical, Health Environmental and Safety and Process Engineering**

Chevron career executive with 38-year of LNG and Oil/Gas project leadership including Design and Technical Safety Engineering; Process Engineering; LNG Liquefaction Projects: Angola LNG; Gorgon; and Wheatstone. Post retirement 4 years consulting including Cameron LNG, Next Decade Rio Grande and Cheniere Sabine Pass and Raven Petrochemicals.



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## **Dave Connell; LNG Senior Project Management Consultant**

Chevron oil & gas professional with a wide range of cross functional experience including 45 years working in all facets of project management, process engineering and operations. His experience includes leadership roles with Chevron's GP Scenario Planning Team, executive consulting across projects and acquisitions, Pre-FEED and FEED and EPC Execution of TCO Second Generation Project, Gorgon, Wheatstone and Angola LNG.

## **Tom Hanson; HSSE, Operations, and Maintenance SME**

Electrical Engineer with 40 of experience leading Oil & Gas Industry Operations, Maintenance, and Project Management in Upstream & Downstream Facilities; specialist for the integration of Major Projects with existing Brownfield Facilities including commissioning and startup of facilities. Recent advisory experience with Cheniere, Cameron LNG, Next Decade Rio Grande LNG and Raven Petrochemicals.

## **Geoff Allsobrook, Marine Terminals**

Chevron career executive with 25 years Marine Terminal development and operations experience including Lightering Master, Pascagoula, MS; Chair of Chevron's LNG Shipping Work Group on US regulatory and advocacy issues; Marine Operations Manager over Chevron's global portfolio of fixed jetty marine terminals including Gorgon, Wheatstone and Angola LNG export facilities; and General Manager Marine Terminals responsible for Chevron's global portfolio of marine terminals that included 61 onshore terminals and 11 offshore terminals.

## **Tom Musial; LNG Senior Process Engineer Consultant**

35 years in oil and gas. Subject matter expert (SME) in process engineering operations, project and process design, start-up and commissioning; recognized technical expert in troubleshooting operational and start-up issues, accurate process modeling of oil and gas facilities, and hazard identification and mitigation. Most recent position was with Bechtel Engineering as a Commissioning and Start-Up SME on Nacero Project and Next Decade Rio Grande LNG.





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