# Promoting a Flexible, Liquid and Transparent Global LNG Market, Focusing on LNG Contract

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#### **Destination Clause**



- ☐ Needs of destination-free LNG cargo
  - ☑ To ensure optionality
  - ☑ Changes in demand, Seasonality

- ☐ Changes in structure of Korean gas market
  - ☑ Increased competition

#### **Diversion Clause**



- Compensation of diversion costs
  - ☑ Who : A party making diversion request
  - ☑ How : Model Clause provides two mechanisms
    - Compensation Mechanism: Paying costs incurred due to diversion
    - Profit-Sharing Mechanism: Allocating all net incremental profit after deducting actual documented cost from gross revenue

### **Contract Renegotiation**



- ☐ Decision has yet to be made by Korea Fair Trade Commission. But, it might be the case.
- ☐ When initiate renegotiation,
  - ☑ Renewal of SPAs
  - ☑ Price Review Removal or reduction of restrictions could be considered in relation to price review.

### Implications of Less Restrictions



#### ☐ Benefit for Players

- ☑ Carefully consider JFTC's opinion in the Survey so as to avoid potential violation of Korean Competition Law.
- ☑ Players may seek to find alternative to mitigate any risk arising from potential anti-competitive behavior.
- ☑ Buyers will have more incentive in entering into longterm LNG SPAs due to increased flexibility.

#### **Model Diversion Clause**



- ☐ Contemplates only a case of a Buyer's request for a diversion to Seller
- ☐ Interpretation of the phrase, "Seller shall not unreasonably withhold or delay its consent"
- ☐ 3P Expert's determination on reasonableness of Seller's refusal to consent
  - ☑ Alternative?

### Successful Regional (and global) Cooperation



- ☐ Eager to cooperate in promoting flexibility and liquidity on LNG contracts
- ☐ Important to avoid potential violation of competition law



## Thank You

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