

Corrib Gas offshore pipeline being laid in Broadhaven Bay - June 2009

AT A GLANCE



The Corrib gas field was discovered in 1996, 83kms off the coast of Co. Mayo. Corrib will supply up to 60% of Ireland's gas needs at peak production.

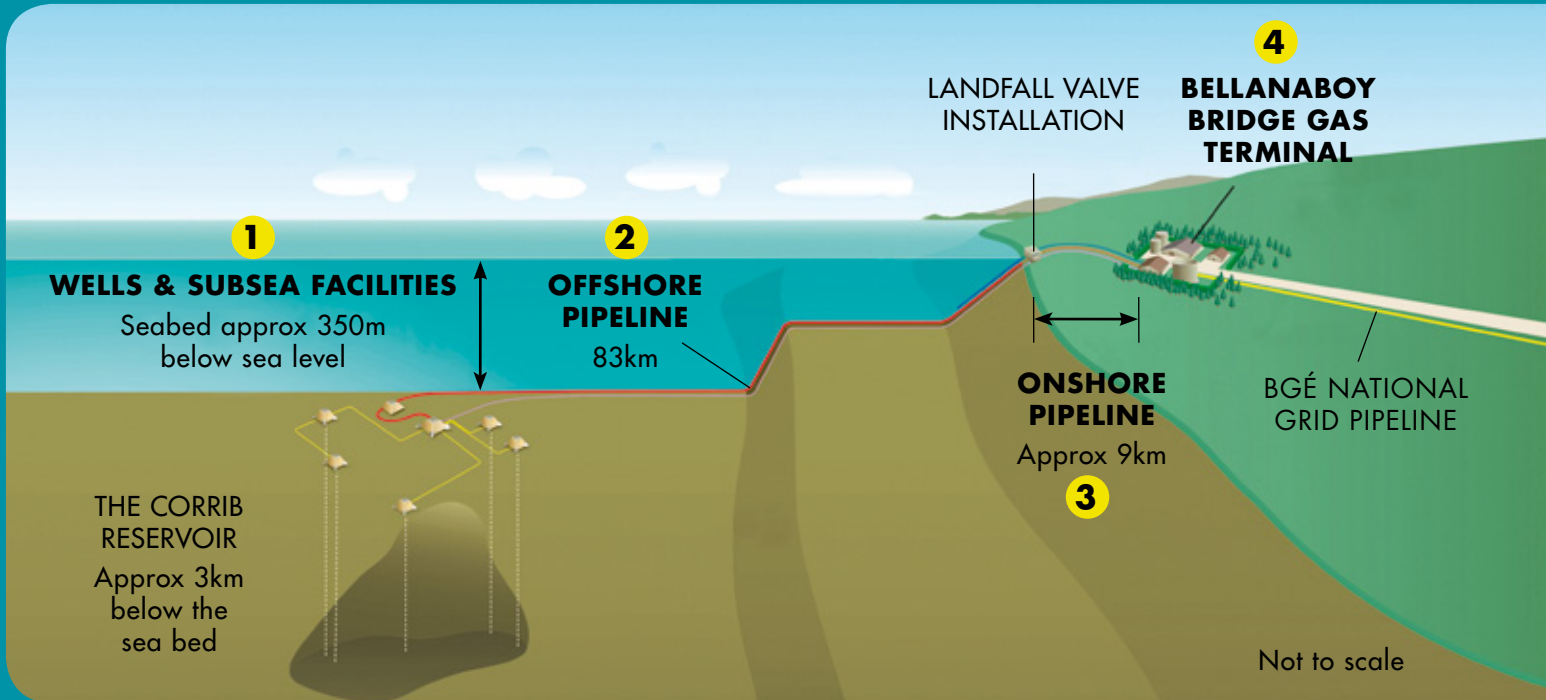
Benefits

- Up to 1500 were employed during the 2009 construction programme
- Once in operation Corrib will provide 130 permanent jobs in the locality
- Erris Development Fund was launched with a €5m budget for 2009-2012
- Extensive community investment programme - more than €2.5m in funds have been allocated to date

Securing our Energy Future

Ireland is at the end of a very long pipeline. We import almost 95% of our gas supplies from Europe via an interconnector from the UK. In excess of 50% of Ireland's electricity is generated from natural gas. The importance of securing Ireland's energy supply has never been greater. Renewable energy sources will take many years to develop; therefore as energy consumption increases, bringing indigenous gas supplies to market has become increasingly important.

Once in production, gas from the Corrib field will be distributed to homes and businesses throughout Ireland via the Bord Gáis Éireann (BGÉ) national grid. As a result of the Corrib project the BGÉ distribution network is being extended to 12 towns in Co. Galway and Co. Mayo



CORRIB GAS PROJECT UPDATE



The Corrib project is made up of four parts: the offshore infrastructure including the wells and subsea facilities, the offshore section of pipeline, the onshore section of pipeline and finally the gas terminal at Bellanaboy Bridge, Co. Mayo.

1 Wells and subsea facilities

The offshore infrastructure for Corrib has been placed on the seabed in a water depth of approximately 350 metres using remotely operated vehicles (ROVs). To date five wells have been drilled and made ready for production.

2 Offshore pipeline

A significant milestone was achieved this summer with the laying of the offshore pipeline from the Corrib field, located 83km offshore, to the landfall site at Glengad, Co. Mayo. The Solitaire, one of the largest pipelay vessels in the world, successfully laid approximately 7,000 sections of pipe in less than one month.

3 Onshore pipeline

Planning applications for the onshore pipeline have been submitted to the relevant statutory authorities. An Bord Pleanála has requested further information on the application under the Strategic Infrastructure Act.

4 Bellanaboy Bridge gas terminal

Once it comes ashore, the gas will be processed or dried at the Bellanaboy Bridge gas terminal. In August 2009 the terminal was connected to the BGÉ National Grid. Construction work at the terminal is now approximately 85% complete.

PROJECT COMPLETION - OCTOBER 2009

