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ROBERTO R. VARA RETURNS TO CH·IV INTERNATIONAL

*Completes Assignment as Operations Manager of the
World's First "Early Gas" LNG Import Terminal*

HANOVER, MD July 14 – Jeffrey P. Beale, President of CH·IV International (CH·IV) is pleased to announce that Roberto Ruiperez Vara has returned full-time to our Hanover Maryland Corporate Office. Mr. Vara will provide technical consulting engineering services to clients involved in the pretreatment and liquefaction of natural gas and the transportation, importation, storage and re-gasification of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG). Mr. Beale stated, "Roberto has played a very significant role in CH·IV's success before leaving for Chile. I know, with his return, our clients will benefit from his wealth of experience and expertise."

Mr. Vara took over the role of Operations Manager at the GNL Quintero LNG import terminal in Quintero Bay, Chile in May of last year. There he oversaw cooldown and start-up of the world's first of its kind "**Early Gas**" LNG Import Terminal, where LNG transfers are batched into a small land-based tank (10,000 cubic meters) with a LNG carrier permanently connected to the jetty, until the complete terminal (2 x 160,000 cubic meter LNG tanks) construction could be completed. As Simultaneous Operations (SIMOPS) Coordinator, he established and managed a Permit to Work System that allowed approximately 200 construction workers to complete the LNG terminal constructions while day-to-day LNG sendout was taking place.

Construction of the entire terminal was completed in late Spring, at which time Roberto directed Operations through start-up. Mr. Vara completed his obligation in Chile upon establishment of normal operations of the GNL Quintero LNG import terminal.

The GNL Quintero LNG import facility is comprised of three LNG tanks (one x 10,000 cubic meter and two x 160,000 cubic meter); two x 175 mmscfd open rack vaporizer systems; one x 175 mmscfd submerged combustion vaporizer system; six first stage, in-tank LNG pumping systems; one recondenser and BOG recovery system, three x 1,600 gpm high pressure LNG pumping systems; a 6,000 foot long LNG Transfer System and a marine LNG carrier berth.



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