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## **NextDecade Grows Executive Team, Hires General Counsel and Chief Commercial Officer**

**The Woodlands, Texas** (Sept. 22 2015) – NextDecade, LLC (NextDecade), a development and management company of liquefied natural gas (LNG) projects, announced it has hired Krysta De Lima as General Counsel (GC) and Alfonso Puga as Chief Commercial Officer (CCO).

As General Counsel, De Lima will be responsible for all of NextDecade’s legal affairs, including negotiating and drafting agreements for major business transactions, developing legal strategies and providing legal advice to company management. Puga’s responsibilities as CCO include planning, preparing and executing NextDecade’s marketing initiatives, as well as conducting valuable market research to facilitate company growth.

Kathleen Eisbrenner, CEO of NextDecade said, “Krysta and Alfonso are both experts in their respective fields. Both have personally negotiated major long and short-term LNG sales arrangements around the world. We are confident that having them join our team will complement and enhance NextDecade’s current company initiatives, add considerable value and help advance our major LNG projects as they come online.”

De Lima is an attorney qualified in multiple jurisdictions with extensive transactional experience specializing in the oil and gas industry. Specifically, this includes negotiating all phases of upstream, midstream and LNG sales contracts, as well as supporting large-scale energy project developments. Prior to her current role, De Lima was a senior attorney with Bechtel’s Oil, Gas and Chemicals business unit in Houston, Texas. Prior to that, she held legal and management positions at BG Group in Trinidad and provided advisory services to Schlumberger Business Consulting.

Puga, a seasoned executive with experience in gas, power and LNG markets around the world, will be joining the NextDecade team on October 5, 2015. His deep commercial knowledge has enabled him to build a robust international network, focused on the Middle and Far East. Most recently, Puga was Head of LNG at PetroChina International in the United Kingdom, where he was responsible for the operation of its trading unit, and the organization and optimization of PetroChina’s short-term portfolio. Puga adds key experience in forming, maintaining and growing the commercial function within newly formed LNG businesses, focusing on marketing and trading of production volumes. Puga has also worked with a range of LNG-focused companies with varying risk profiles such as trading houses, utilities and oil majors throughout Europe, primarily in the areas of trading, origination and business development.

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### **About NextDecade LLC**

NextDecade, based in The Woodlands, Texas, is a development and management company of land-based and floating LNG projects creating innovative opportunities globally in the integrated natural gas

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industry. By bringing together people, companies and opportunities, NextDecade assembles the best mix of assets to deliver successful projects. NextDecade's current focus includes its Rio Grande LNG project in Brownsville, Texas, in addition to the Pelican Island LNG project in Galveston, Texas. Founded in 2010, NextDecade represents a team of industry leaders with extensive experience in the full LNG value chain, including successfully closing major LNG off-take deals, LNG/FLNG technology, and project management. The experienced team has developed, led, closed and operated industry-leading LNG, Gas and Electricity projects globally. For more information, please visit [www.next-decade.com](http://www.next-decade.com).

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