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(1) The shares were issued as a restricted stock grant and therefore no consideration was given by the Reporting Person.

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints Michael J. Wortley, Greg W. Rayford and Cara E. Carlson, signing singly, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to

1. execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as a director of Cheniere Energy, Inc. (the "Company"), Forms ID, 3, 4 and 5, pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934;
2. do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, Form 4, Form 5 or Form 144 and timely file such forms with the SEC;
3. take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required to be taken by the undersigned.

The undersigned hereby grants such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or proper to be done in the exercise of this Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer a director of the Company unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the undersigned.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this ___ day of August, 2015.

/s/ Samuel J. Merksamer

Name: Samuel J. Merksamer