

CHENIERE ENERGY INC  
Form S-8  
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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**FORM S-8**

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER**

**THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

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**CHENIERE ENERGY, INC.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1382**  
(Primary Standard Industrial  
Classification Code Number)

**95-4352386**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**333 Clay Street, Suite 3400**

**Houston, Texas 77002-4102**

**(713) 659-1361**

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of Registrant's principal executive offices)

**CHENIERE ENERGY, INC.**

# 1997 STOCK OPTION PLAN

(Full Title of the Plan)

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**Don A. Turkleson**

**Chief Financial Officer**

**Cheniere Energy, Inc.**

**333 Clay Street, Suite 3400**

**Houston, Texas 77002-4102**

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(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number,  
including area code, of agent for service)

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*Copy to:*

**Geoffrey K. Walker**

**Andrews Kurth LLP**

**600 Travis, Suite 4200**

**Houston, Texas 77002**

**(713) 220-4757**

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## CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

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	Amount to be	Proposed maximum offering price	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price(1)	Amount of registration fee
Title of securities to be registered	registered(1)(2)	per share(1)(2)		

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Common Price, par value \$.003 per share	2,012,500 shares(3)	\$6.265	\$12,608,312.50	\$1,020.01
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- (1) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(c) and (h) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and are based upon the average of the high and low prices per share of the registrant's common stock on the American Stock Exchange on December 16, 2003.
  - (2) Number of shares to be registered and the offering price per share reflects the 1-for-4 stock split effective as of October 18, 2000.
  - (3) Additional shares of common stock issuable to the Cheniere Energy, Inc. 1997 Stock Option Plan as approved by the registrant's stockholders as of June 12, 2003.
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**INCORPORATION OF CONTENTS OF EARLIER REGISTRATION STATEMENTS BY REFERENCE**

This registration statement on Form S-8 is being filed solely to register additional securities. In accordance with General Instruction E to Form S-8, the registrant hereby incorporates by reference the contents of the registrant's earlier registration statements, file numbers 333-52479 and 333-35866. The number of shares contained in such earlier registrations have been adjusted to reflect a 1-for-4 stock split effective as of October 18, 2000 so that the aggregate number of shares issuable pursuant to the registrant's 1997 Stock Option Plan and registered pursuant to this and the earlier registration statements is 2,500,000 shares of common stock.

**PART II**

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**Item 8. Exhibits.**

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
*4.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Cheniere Energy, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Cheniere's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 1999 as filed with the SEC on August 16, 1999 (SEC File No. 000-09092))
*4.2	Certificate of Amendment to the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Cheniere Energy, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to Cheniere's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 1999 as filed with the SEC on August 16, 1999 (SEC File No. 000-09092))
*4.3	By-laws of Cheniere Energy, Inc. as amended through April 7, 1997 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to Cheniere's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1998 as filed with the SEC on March 29, 1999 (SEC File No. 000-09092))
*4.4	Specimen Common Stock Certificate of Cheniere Energy, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Cheniere's Registration Statement on Form S-1 as filed with the SEC on August 27, 1996 (SEC File No. 333-10905))
*4.5	Cheniere Energy, Inc. 1997 Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.25 to Cheniere's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended November 30, 1997 as filed with the SEC on January 14, 1988 (SEC File No. 000-09092))
*4.6	Cheniere Energy, Inc. 1997 Stock Option Plan Amendment No. 1 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.27 to Cheniere's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1999 as filed with the SEC on March 29, 2000 (SEC File No. 000-09092))
4.7	Cheniere Energy, Inc. 1997 Stock Option Plan Amendment No. 2
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4.9	Cheniere Energy, Inc. 1997 Stock Option Plan Amendment No. 4
5.1	Opinion of Andrews Kurth LLP
23.1	Consent of Andrews Kurth LLP (included in Exhibit 5)
23.2	Consent of Mann Frankfort Stein & Lipp CPAs, L.L.P.
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23.4 Consent of KPMG LLP

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**SIGNATURES**

**The Registrant.** Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Houston, State of Texas, on this 22nd day of December, 2003.

CHENIERE ENERGY, INC.

By: \_\_\_\_\_ /s/ CHARIF SOUKI

Name: Charif Souki  
 Title: President, Chief Executive Officer  
 and Chairman of the Board

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated on this 22nd day of December, 2003.

<u>Name and Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
/s/ CHARIF SOUKI _____ <b>Charif Souki</b>	President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board (Principal Executive Officer)	December 22, 2003
/s/ WALTER L. WILLIAMS _____ <b>Walter L. Williams</b>	Vice Chairman of the Board and Director	December 22, 2003
/s/ DON A. TURKLESON _____ <b>Don A. Turkleson</b>	Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	December 22, 2003
/s/ NUNO BRANDOLINI _____ <b>Nuno Brandolini</b>	Director	December 22, 2003
/s/ KEITH F. CARNEY _____ <b>Keith F. Carney</b>	Director	December 22, 2003
/s/ PAUL J. HOENMANS _____ <b>Paul J. Hoenmans</b>	Director	December 22, 2003
/s/ DAVID B. KILPATRICK _____ <b>David B. Kilpatrick</b>	Director	December 22, 2003

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