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His Excellency Minister Saad Sherida Al-Kaabi:

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DOHA, Qatar • 6 December 2025 – His Excellency Mr. Saad Sherida Al-Kaabi, the Minister of State for Energy Affairs, the President and CEO of QatarEnergy, reaffirmed Qatar's long-standing commitment to support all nations for their LNG needs.

In remarks during a “Newsmaker Interview” as part of the Doha Forum 2025, His Excellency Minister Al-Kaabi said: “This has been our position since 2017 when we announced we are going to embark on a huge LNG expansion. We have announced that we are raising production from 77 million to 142 million tons per annum in-country. An additional 18 million tons will come from our Golden Pass terminal project in the United States. We are ready to support all nations for their LNG needs if it is commercially viable for both sides.”

His Excellency Minister Al-Kaabi gave an idea of the expected timeline for when the new volumes would come online, saying: “The first train will come online in Qatar, hopefully by the third quarter of next year. In the US, we have started the commissioning of the first train of Golden Pass LNG, which should, hopefully, come online by the end of the first quarter of 2026, followed sequentially by the other two trains in the US.”

His Excellency discounted speculation of slower LNG demand saying: “I have no worry at all about

demand in the future. I have a worry about lack of investment for additional supply in the future, which will cause prices to spike. Global growth is continuing. Yet we have more than a billion people that do not have basic electricity that we all enjoy. We need to address energy poverty. We need gas to power factories to create jobs. And we need to invest in the future.”

“We have about 400 million tons of LNG that is being produced today. About 600 to 700 million tons will be required by 2035. That is an additional 200-300 million tons spearheaded by growth mostly in Asia, but also in the rest of the world, there is also something that we never counted on, whether in 2017 or even just a few years back, and that is artificial intelligence (AI),” His Excellency added.

Discussing the nexus between AI and energy, H.E. the Minister of State for Energy Affairs, the President and CEO of QatarEnergy, said: “AI is completely different than the normal household power. It is like a factory that requires energy around the clock. It requires baseload energy that you would need as any country. This is permanent growth day and night; unlike households whose consumption patterns change between day and night.”

Commenting on current oil prices, Minister Al-Kaabi said the world needs prices high enough to generate enough revenues to help invest in the future, but low enough to be affordable by customers, adding: “I think the range of between 70 and 80 dollars per barrel can be a fair price to ensure both.”

H.E. Minister Al-Kaabi thanked the European parliament for their decision to eliminate the problematic article 22 from the planned Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD), which threatened severe penalties of up to 5% of companies' global revenue. He said: "we look forward to the 'trilogue' between the EU's Commission, Council, and Parliament to resolve these issues that are of great concern not only to oil and gas companies, but to all companies."

In his remarks on ambitions for net-zero emissions, His Excellency Minister Saad Sherida Al-Kaabi said this is not achievable, "and for me to say we can do it is a blatant lie. We have not changed our position. However, we are doing something about it. We have the largest CO2 capture and sequestration site in the Middle East and North Africa region with a capacity of 2.5 million tons per annum to be raised to 11 million tons by 2030 and about 13 million tons by 2035."

His Excellency also highlighted major landmark and iconic LNG, petrochemical, fertilizer, polymers, urea, and solar projects.

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