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RENEWABLE ENERGY

➢ Self-generation is the future of electricity

Self-generation pays, and businesses, industry, farmers and households that switch to solar are seeing notable savings During his state of the nation address, President Cyril Ramaphosa gave the clearest indication to date of the government's commitment to the renewable energy transition and to making it as easy as possible for businesses, industry, farms and households to generate (some or all) their own power through what he calls "self-generation".

Source : **https://www.businesslive.co.za/** - 03/03/2020
(**Lien article**)

➢ FIFA inaugurate the first stabilised hard ground pitch with solar lighting in Kinshasa, DR Congo

The first stabilised hard ground pitch with solar lighting in Africa has been inaugurated in Kinshasa, DR Congo through the FIFA Forward Funding initiative. The pitch with solar lighting was built under the authority of FIFA. FIFA conducted and financed the pilot project for the youth of Kinshasa's neighbourhoods.

Source : **https://ghanasoccernet.com/** - 04/03/2020
(**Lien article**)

➢ Africa urged to ramp up its energy investment

Getting more energy to more people in Africa is imperative, particularly as the continent's population is set to soar over the next few decades, the Africa Energy Indaba has heard. "This is an opportunity for all of us to move forward faster and further together," World Energy Council secretary general and CEO Dr Angela Wilkinson told delegates at the event, in Cape Town, on Tuesday.

Source : **https://www.engineeringnews.co.za/** - 04/03/2020
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➢ Morocco – Climate Change

The government of Morocco has launched energy reforms to foster the development of the country's industry in the sectors of renewable energy and energy efficiency, penetrate regional and international markets, and encourage the development of indigenous resources The government has stepped up its role in international action on climate change, ratifying the Paris Agreement, setting a new national climate policy and hosting the United Nations Conference of Parties (COP22) summit in Marrakesh in 2016.

Source : **https://www.iea.org/** - 07/03/2020
(**Lien article**)

FOSSIL ENERGY (OIL & GAS)

➢ Natural gas has potential to change energy sector dynamics

The South African Gas Development Company, also known as iGas, says the dynamics for liquefied natural gas (LNG) are in South Africa's favour, with LNG prices at the lowest point in real terms since the history of the trade and more projects coming on stream. "LNG has a versatile delivery system. There's no need to build expensive infrastructure. You can develop a market from a small base and provide access to a diverse range of customers," iGas chairperson Linda Lentle said during the yearly Africa Gas Forum, in Cape Town, on Monday.

Source : **https://www.engineeringnews.co.za/** - 02/03/2020
(**Lien article**)

➢ Nigeria's immense gas reserves offer great scope to boost economic growth

Nigeria is hoping to make the most of its immense gas reserves, but needs to refine its legislation and get its projects moving swiftly. Professor Abubakar Sani Sambo from the Nigerian Ministerial Task Force on Power said Nigeria had the ninth largest gas reserves in the world and was number one in Africa in terms of reserves. However, it ranked twenty-third in terms of gas production, with Egypt topping the list of African gas producers.

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➢ Germany moves into hydrogen with lessons from Opec, Russia

BERLIN – Germany is taking its first steps to build an economy based on hydrogen instead of fossil fuels, seeking to deliver both green growth and to avoid being trapped by a small cartel of suppliers. Ministers have been quietly lining up deals with nations including Nigeria that might produce hydrogen from renewable energy in the near future. The ambition is to reduce Germany's pollution from oil and natural gas – and to cut reliance on the counties that produce the fuels.

Source : **https://www.engineeringnews.co.za/** - 03/03/2020
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➢ Companies urged to gear up for gas revolution in Mozambique

Key players in the gas industry have urged the South African government and companies to gear up for the tremendous opportunities that the gas resources uncovered in Mozambique will offer. A final investment decision (FID) has been taken for two projects, while the FID for a third project is expected during the course of this year. "Once these three projects have taken FID, there will be 31-million tonnes of liquefied natural gas (LNG) under construction," Paul Eardly-Taylor, who is responsible for Standard Bank's oil and gas sector coverage activities, told the Africa Gas Forum, in Cape Town, on Monday.

Source : **https://www.engineeringnews.co.za/** - 03/03/2020
(Lien article)

➢ South Africa Energy System

Coal is the mainstay of the South African energy system, meeting around 70% of primary energy demand. The 2013 Integrated Resource Plan for Electricity however sets out a long-term diversification of the power mix and moves towards lightening the carbon footprint of the energy sector. While the options to diversify the country's electricity mix appear diverse, the affordability of electricity supply looms as a key concern and, potentially, a constraint on the diversification agenda.

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➢ 'Our target is one-third of revenue from non-oil & gas work by the end of the year'

After 50 years in maritime contracting, Maersk Supply Service is gearing up on its energy transition with a special focus on floating wind, its VP of integrated solutions Olivier Trouvé tells Darius Snieckus. To look back over Maersk Supply Service's 50 year history – in 1967, you were the first Scandinavian shipping company to entering the offshore oil service sector; in 1979, as offshore oil globalised, you expanded to become the largest owner-operator of large support vessels and AHTs; in 1994, you entered the cable-laying business with the converted Maersk Fighter, and last year you completed a fleet renewal programme to integrate an offering ranging from towing, mooring and installation to inspection, maintenance and repair – the evolution of the company in its adapting to changing markets forces. You've had some involvement in offshore wind in the last decade but what about the floating wind sector motivated the company to move into this market now ?

Source : **https://www.rechargenews.com/** - 05/03/2020
(**Lien article**)

➢ Lesedi keen to retain nuclear skills built up over years in South Africa

South African engineering, procurement, construction and maintenance company Lesedi is keen to use its nuclear expertise and skills in South Africa and other African countries and is also looking to expand its focus to Saudi Arabia and Abu Dhabi. Lesedi has diversified its business and is active in multiple energy generation segments in the mining industry, as well as the oil and gas, power generation and renewable energy environments, but wants to retain its nuclear skills, built up over years in operating the Koeberg nuclear power station, in the Western Cape.

Source : **https://www.engineeringnews.co.za/** - 05/03/2020
(**Lien article**)

➢ Should aid be used to fund fossil fuel investments ?

LONDON — Even as most of the world's governments publicly accept the urgency of the climate crisis, fossil fuels continue to burn and carbon continues to pollute the atmosphere. With the climate crisis escalating, the use of official development assistance to help develop oil and gas infrastructure in low-income countries has come under intense scrutiny.

Source : **https://www.devex.com/** - 05/03/2020
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➢ Secretary Brouillette Promotes Energy Security And Innovation With Eastern Mediterranean Leaders

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, U.S. Secretary of Energy Dan Brouillette participated in the Eastern Mediterranean Gas Forum (EMGF) High Level Roundtable highlighting the importance of energy cooperation in the Eastern Mediterranean region and the United States' continued support in these efforts. The Eastern Mediterranean Gas Forum has been very successful in bringing together government and industry across the region to work cooperatively in harnessing the full potential of Eastern Mediterranean natural gas and boosting regional energy security. Secretary Brouillette noted the immense benefits this natural gas will bring not only to the region, but to growing markets around the world.

Source : **https://www.energy.gov/** - 06/03/2020
(Lien article)

➢ Oil Execs, Anxious About Public Support, Claim Halting Fossil Fuel Production Would Be 'Criminal'

A new oil and gas industry ad pushes back against growing calls to hold the fossil fuel industry accountable for the climate crisis — by making the bold statement that it would be criminal not to produce oil and gas. The ad by the industry trade group Western Energy Alliance (WEA) takes the form of an open letter to 2020 Democratic presidential candidates and is signed by 54 oil and gas company executives. It calls out Sens. Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren, and former Vice President Joe Biden, who have all said they believe the industry should face accountability.

Source : **https://www.desmogblog.com/** - 06/03/2020
(**Lien article**)

➢ Oil drops 31% in worst loss since Gulf War as price fight erupts

Oil markets crashed more than 30% after the disintegration of the OPEC+ alliance triggered an all-out price war between Saudi Arabia and Russia that is likely to have sweeping political and economic consequences. Brent futures suffered the second-largest decline on record in the opening seconds of trading in Asia, behind only the plunge during the Gulf War in 1991. As the global oil benchmark plummeted to as low as $31.02/bl, Goldman Sachs Group warned prices could drop to near $20/bl.

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