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TOP 10 DAILY NEWS DIGEST

1. SAUDI ARABIA, GREECE STRENGTHEN TIES ON GREEN ENERGY

2. OMAN AIRPORTS TO GET HYDROGEN VEHICLES IN 2023

3. RUSSIA & UKRAINE ARE IMPORTANT TO RENEWABLES TRANSITION

4. HYDROGEN POWER COULD HELP WEAN THE WORLD OFF RUSSIAN OIL & GAS

5. THREE WAYS MIDSTREAM OPERATORS CAN FUEL ENERGY TRANSITION

6. SPAIN'S FIRST RENEWABLE HYDROGEN PLANT INAUGURATED IN LLOSETA

7. GERMANY MUST USE LESS NATURAL GAS IN CLIMATE PLANS

8. WILL FOSSIL FUEL PRICE VOLATILITY ENDANGER CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION?

9. SHELL DIRECTORS SUED FOR 'FAILING TO PREPARE COMPANY FOR NET ZERO'

10. PETROFAC WINS GREEN AMMONIA STUDY IN EGYPT

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VIEWS YOU CAN USE



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The private sector will participate in hydrogen projects once missing pieces of the puzzle are tied down. Both elements of supply and demand must be clear for any banking scheme to take place. When offtakes and demand start to be more contextualized, this will help bring the private sector in and move us along at the speed that is required to achieve market growth.

Green bonds to boom...

Many issuers are spending time putting their sustainable finance frameworks in place, so they can be ready when the market is right. There is a pent-up supply of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) issuances in the pipeline. But the bond markets have been disrupted this year, in part due to the uncertainty around the US Federal Reserve Bank's moves – not a welcomed environment for issuers. Still, we have seen deals in the Middle East.

Financing changes pace

The finance sector has moved so far beyond its status quo, into a new world where banks are setting net zero commitments for their financings. We are going to see an acceleration of renewable energy projects, as developers do not want to invest in coal, oil, and gas anymore. Renewables are where they see growth and this is the area where long-term assets will keep generating value. In the next 10-15 years, hydrogen and renewables will take center stage. The risk of stranded assets is a huge problem. ■

**Paraphrased Comments*

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