

1. Global EV market expands despite COVID-19

- The number of electric cars on the road is expected to reach almost 10 million this year, as sales grow this year despite the Covid-19 pandemic, according to a new report by International Energy Agency.
- Electric car sales are expected to fare better than the overall passenger car market, with EV sales this year to broadly match the 2.1 million sold in 2019, according to the latest edition of the IEA's Global EV Outlook. This would account for a record 3% of the total global car sales. Based on data from January to April this year, total global passenger car sales this year are set to decline by 15%.
- The Covid-19 pandemic will affect global vehicle markets, and how governments respond to the pandemic will influence the pace of the transition to electric vehicles.

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2. Sonatrach Receives ISO 50001 Certification on Four Production Units

- Four production units of the National Hydrocarbon Company Sonatrach have obtained ISO 50001 certification attesting to optimized energy management, which will allow the group to continuously improve energy management, Sonatrach said in a statement on Tuesday.
- “Committing to respond to the major challenges of the energy transition with the establishment of an Energy Management System (EMS) for its most energy-consuming installations, SONATRACH, through its Exploration and Production Activity and with the support from the Central R&D Department, has won the challenge of optimizing energy by obtaining ISO 50001 certification for four of its gas and condensate production units,” according to a press release published on Sonatrach's Facebook page.
- The certified units make up the southern crude processing units (UTBS) and LDHP -ZCINA of Hassi Messaoud, the processing unit of Gaz-Gassi Touil, and the processing unit of Gas – Rhourd Nouss.

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3. Renergen, Total ink South Africa LNG pact

- South Africa's Renergen signed a deal with a unit of French energy giant Total to market and distribute LNG in the southernmost country on the African continent.
- The natural gas and helium producer is building the country's first LNG plant as part of its Victoria gas project.
- The project will develop several gas fields across Welkom, Virginia and Theunissen in the Free State province.
- Renergen aims to launch the small-scale LNG plant with a daily production of 645 tonnes around the third quarter 2021.
- Under the new deal revealed on Thursday, the duo will distribute LNG through Total's service stations to mostly logistics companies operating trucks along the country's main routes.

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4. DPR Director Inaugurates Network Code Operationalisation Teams

- The Director of Petroleum Resources, Engr. Sarki Auwalu has inaugurated the network code operationalisation teams for the full implementation of the Nigeria Gas Transportation Network Code (NGTNC) which was recently launched by the Honorable Minister of State Petroleum Resources with a six-month mandate to go live.
- The Director in his address at the virtual inauguration ceremony stated that the major objective of the industry wide and highly proficient teams was to provide the needed impetus for the full operationalisation of the network code.
- He reiterated that basic regulatory instruments for the operationalisation of the network code like licence regime and administrative system will be expedited by DPR before the go-live ministerial mandate and also the operational readiness of the gas transmission system as well as migration of extant agreements into the network code by the Nigerian Gas Company (NGC) will be concluded to align with the go-live date.
- Engr. Sarki further stated that the constitution of the teams of experts was a product of extensive consultation and he was confident that they will perform beyond expectation to help in the accelerated development and maturation of the Nigerian domestic gas sector.

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5. Sasol refutes Mozambique cost inflation allegations

- The South African petrochemical giant Sasol has denied allegations that it has vastly inflated the recoverable costs in its oil and gas operations in Mozambique.
- The preliminary results from an audit ordered by the Mozambican government showed that Sasol declared recoverable costs of 148.7 million dollars for its operations in the southern province of Inhambane in the 2017 financial year. But the audit found that, of this sum, 50.5 million dollars was not eligible for cost recovery.
- It was the same story for 2018: Sasol claimed recoverable costs of 114.4 million dollars, but the government auditors calculated that 49.3 million dollars of this sum was not eligible. So taking the two years together, Sasol had overstated its recoverable costs by 99.8 million dollars, which has significant implications for the amount of tax it should be paying to the Mozambican state, since recoverable costs are deducted from tax payments.
- A Sasol press release, dated Tuesday, did not contest the government figures, but said that the audit is “ongoing”.

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6. Sparrows Group moves to purpose-built facility in Angola

- Engineering and maintenance specialist Sparrows Group has re-located to a new purpose-built facility in Luanda, Angola to support its growing operations in Africa.
- The move provides the company with a new workshop, storage yard, training facilities, and office to deliver its International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) certified services in-country. This includes a broad range of turnkey engineering, equipment maintenance and training services.

- Located in the Vila Flor area, at approximately 2,000 sq m in size, the new complex enables Sparrows to provide customers in the region with a fast turnaround and assurance that work is carried out by experienced specialists to the right international standards.
 - Equipped with the latest digital technology, the new facility gives Sparrows' the capability to deliver their full suite of training courses including mobile crane, crane simulator, forklift and rigging training.
- <http://www.oilreviewafrica.com/>

7. IMF Advocates \$49bn Investment in Nigeria's Power Sector by 2030

- The International Monetary Fund, IMF, has advocated \$49 billion investment in Nigeria's power sector to ensure adequate power supply for the country by 2030.
 - The IMF stated this in a report on Nigeria titled, "Additional Spending towards Sustainable Development Goals".
 - The IMF said that while Nigeria has made some progress in terms of access to electricity, with the share of the population with electricity access increased from 40 per cent in 2015 to 54 per cent in 2020, the country's electricity consumption still amounts to about half of what would be expected at its current level of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per capita.
- <https://www.vanguardngr.com/>

8. Lagos State Conducts Survey to Understand Households' Electricity Use, Challenges

- Lagos State Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources is conducting a residential electricity survey to better understand the households' electricity consumption and challenges across the state.
 - In Google documents form sighted by BusinessDay on Wednesday, the survey captures household size, energy consumption, and daily power supply in terms of house and daily generator use in terms of the number of hours too.
 - The survey also includes households' income per month and households' spend on electricity per month and whether the households' have other sources of power apart from the national grid and a generator and are willing to pay more for electricity.
 - "The result of this survey should aid the identification of potential solutions for improvements. No personally identifiable information is being collected during the survey. We ask you to kindly provide as accurate a response as possible," the Ministry said.
 - This is probably the first survey of its kind in the state according to a staff of the Ministry who wants their name withheld.
- <https://businessday.ng/>