

Guyana to construct 2nd gas to shore pipeline



Guyana President Dr Irfaan Ali

President Irfaan Ali says Guyana will soon commence one of the world's fastest gas-to-shore projects and is also aiming to have a second major gas pipeline ready by 2030 to support the country's industrial growth.

Speaking at a reception hosted for visiting UK Parliamentarian Paulette Hamilton and the UK Trade Mission, President Ali said the second pipeline is central to Guyana's long-term energy and manufacturing ambitions.

"We will have to break every single record in the world," he said, underscoring the scale and urgency of the project.

He said Guyana is poised to actualise the project more swiftly than any similar gas pipeline development, from conceptualisation to delivery.

"Before the end of 2030, the second gas line must be brought to shore, and that will be linked to the deepwater port and the whole infrastructure being built out in Berbice. For that to happen, we will have to break every single record in the world."

The government said that the second pipeline is expected to fuel expanded industrial development in Berbice, support petrochemicals, fertilisers, LNG, agro-processing and light manufacturing as well as deliver cleaner, cheaper and more reliable energy, while strengthening Guyana's position as the region's manufacturing hub.

The project, a collaboration with ExxonMobil, will complement the 300MW Gas-to-Energy development at Wales, the countrywide expansion of solar and hydro power, and the rebuilding of the nation's transmission networks.

President Ali told the visiting trade mission that implementing the pipeline quickly needs strong international cooperation, noting the United Kingdom's valuable partnership with Guyana.

Guyana's gas to energy project aims to lower electricity costs by using offshore natural gas to generate power, with the project expected to double the country's electricity-generating capacity.

The project includes a 120-mile pipeline, a 300-megawatt power plant, and a natural gas liquids (NGL) plant. The target for first gas is in the fourth quarter of this year, and the project's total cost is estimated around US\$1.9 billion. (CMC)