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CHINA SECURES ANOTHER MAJOR ENERGY CONTRACT IN CENTRAL ASIA

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QazaqGaz, Kazakhstans vertically integrated national gas company, has signed a contract with a Chinese consortium to build a gas processing plant with an annual capacity of 2.5 billion cubic meters (bcm) pumped from the Kashagan field. Under the turnkey arrangement, the consortium will manage every phase of the project from design to final operational testing. The exact value of the contract has not been disclosed, but in 2024, the project was estimated to cost upwards of $2.5 billion. The processing plant deal is the latest in a series of major wins for Chinese companies in the energy sector this year, including a $6.1 billion biorefinery project in Uzbekistan and several energy contracts in Kazakhstan. The Kashagan construction consortium comprises China National Chemical Engineering Sixth Construction Company, China Wuhuan Engineering Corporation, AVC Production, and C-NRG.

Construction ministers from China and all five Central Asian countries adopted two cooperation documents during the second China-Central Asia ministerial meeting in Bishkek. The documents include a joint statement and a 2027-28 action plan to expand cooperation in the construction and infrastructure development sectors. (...)

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