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ADNOC aims to continue LNG exports by boosting production facilities

ADNOC LNG wants to continue supplies by signing new-long term export contracts next year and is looking at new projects to extend the life of two of its LNG production trains, a senior company official said Tuesday.

"We have been in the [LNG] business for 40 years and looking to continue into the future. Trains 1 and 2 were built in 1977," Rashid al-Mazrouei, ADNOC LNG's marketing manager said on the sidelines of the Middle East Petroleum and Gas conference in Abu Dhabi.

"We are carrying out projects to see how we can extend the life of trains 1 and 2. Train 3 has a long way to go," he added.

An LNG train is a liquefied natural gas plant's liquefaction and purification facility.

The studies are ongoing, and Mazrouei expects them to be completed before 2019, when ADNOC LNG's longstanding export contract expires. ADNOC LNG is the Middle East's third largest LNG producer.

Mazrouei would not comment on the cost of the projects, or planned new capacities. He did say, however, the trains were "very well kept, so we are not looking into investments or anything like that."

A joint venture of state-owned Abu Dhabi National Oil Co. (70%), Mitsui & Co (15%), BP (10%), and Total (5%) -- ADNOC LNG has gas processing and liquefaction facilities at Das Island, around 160 km off the coast of Abu Dhabi in the Persian Gulf.

Along with LNG exports, it also supplies 1 Bcf/d of gas for domestic consumption in the UAE.

The UAE loaded 5.86 million mt of LNG in 2016, with the majority headed to Japanese power company JERA, its sole long-term customer which has been importing gas from ADNOC LNG since 1977.

The existing 25-year contract covers the delivery of 4.3million mt/year, and expires in March 2019. As the legacy contract comes to an end, Mazreoui said ADNOC LNG was also in talks with existing and potential new customers over supplies.

"The dynamics of the LNG market is changing. We can't sit back and think it will be business as usual... It is no secret that our legacy contract ends next year. We are talking to potential people [including JERA]", he said.