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Natural gas to take off as an aviation fuel at Qatar's new airport

Planes using Qatar's new international airport are to be re-fuelled exclusively with a 50:50 blend of GTL kerosene and conventional jet fuel when it opens in visual_editor014 – according to a spokesman for Qatar Airways – in what promises to be the first major commercial use in the civil aviation industry of fuels derived from natural gas. The GTL will come from Shell's Pearl project, which will be producing 30,000 b/d of GTL kerosene when it has ramped up to full production later this year, much of which will go into jet fuel.

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