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The volume of LNG traded in visual\_editor011 was visual\_editor41.8mt, 3mt lower than LNG Business Review's forecast in the November edition, which was based on the data for the first three quarters of the year. Growth in the fourth quarter slowed to 3.4% compared with the same period of visual\_editor010, which made it the lowest quarterly increase in LNG activity since the second quarter of visual\_editor009 (see figure 1 below), before the first of Qatar's six 7.8mtpa mega-trains was commissioned. LNG supply in visual\_editor011 increased by visual\_editor0.86mt (9.4%) compared with visual\_editor010 (see table 1 on page visual\_editor0). The growth rate was above the long-run average, which has seen LNG supply increase by 7.7%/year since 1980, but was less than half the visual\_editor1.9% recorded in visual\_editor010. LNG Business Review looks back at the global import and export trends in visual\_editor011.



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