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With COP28 creating the usual media buzz, this time in the UAE emirate of Dubai, firms in the energy sector jumped on the opportunity to showcase new partnerships and initiatives to demonstrate their willingness to shift away from fossil fuels and into the clean energy space.

Further afield, awkward tensions escalated around Maduro's claim over Guyana Esquiba, while Woodside and Santos remain the talk among markets over merger discussions set to potentially create an Australian gas export giant. Watch this space!

In the meantime, here's your weekly catchup on the stories that made the news this week:

Woodside and Santos in merger talks to form diversified LNG player [2]

Chevron increases capex by 14% with continued focus on upstream investment [3]

UAE's Masdar signs deal with Verbund to explore green hydrogen production in Spain [4]

Why Venezuela is staking a claim over Guayana Esequiba [5]

Woodside signs up for 1.3 mtpa of LNG from Mexico Pacific for 20 years [6]

ADNOC's bid for Wintershall 'opportunistic' despite uncertainty over Russia assets [7]

Winter gas supply uncertainty looms in Argentina as Bolivia shrinks exports [8]

BP, Shell reach agreement with T&T on Atlantic LNG shareholder restructuring [9]

Total deploys drone-powered methane detectors to Petrobas, Socar, Sonangol [10]

Snam to offer regas contracts after finalising purchase of 5 Bcm/year FSRU [11]

BASF plans 49% stake in Vattenfall's German windfarm to supply petrochemicals plant [12]

EU methane regulation: Global gas industry urges more clarity on LNG contracts [13]

Gas rapidly pushing coal out of US power fuel mix, slashing emissions – IEA [14]

Brookfield considers 'next steps' as Origin Energy rejects USD 11 billion bid [15]



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