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LightingTech Qatar Conference Qatar investing in infrastructure and urban development

Qatar is gearing up for the FIFA World Cup 2022 and is investing in infrastructure and urban development. Current investment will enable delivery of the Qatar Vision 2030 and support anticipated influxes of tourists, a growing economy and population. All of which demands increased investment in lighting.

The 4th Annual LightingTech Qatar is a unique platform for the Qatari market to invest in innovative and future-proof urban solutions. This conference will be held on 8-9 May 2017 in Doha, Qatar. It will include headline speakers from Ashghal, Lusail City, Hamad Medical Corporation, Ministry of Endowments Islamic Affairs, Eindhoven City Council, Southend-on-Sea City Council and more.

The 4th annual LightingTech Qatar conference has established itself as the Qatari lighting in-

dustry meeting place that brings together key government officials and regulators, lighting industry experts, construction professionals. This engaging and interactive two-day conference will activate new business connections, engage dialogue on key industry challenges and support excellence in lighting investment. LightingTech Qatar 2017 is hosted at the 14th annual edition of Project Qatar – Qatar's International Trade Construction, Building, Environmental Technology & Materials Exhibition. Qatar: Mega projects ongoing The Qatari MOF stated that 2017 will be focused on completing mega projects ready for the world cup: US \$25.6 billion or 47 percent of the 2017 annual government budget.

Major projects include:

- Lusail City (US\$494 million), home to the Lu-

sail Iconic Stadium that will serve as the center piece of the FIFA 2022 World Cup Lusail City. This project requires investment in lighting infrastructure and systems. Abdulrahman Al-Ishaq, Master Planning Manager at Lusail City will be presenting at the 4th Annual LightingTech Qatar "Lusail city, the Smart and Sustainable Exemplar for Middle Eastern Cities"

- Ashghal is investing in major road lighting works across the whole country: The Expressway Programme comprises of 900 km of expressways and is worth: US\$4.4 billion. Sunny Tharakan M Cherukutty, Roads Lightning Engineer, Roads Maintenance Department at Ashghal will be presenting at the 4th Annual LightingTech Qatar "Road and Tunnel Lighting: Energy optimisation by selecting the correct street lighting fixtures in Qatar".

- Healthcare spends more on lighting (US\$6.73 billion) as the results on patients become evident: Amr Metwally, Head of Architecture Division- Health Facility Project Management & Construction at Hamad Medical Corporation will be presenting at the 4th Annual LightingTech Qatar "How indoor lighting can have dramatic effects on the building inhabitants"

