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Natural gas self-sufficiency by end of 2018

THE country will reach self-sufficiency in natural gas by the end of the calendar year when local production of natural gas reaches six billion cubic feet per day thanks to newly-discovered fields, Petroleum Minister Tarek el-Mulla told a news conference yesterday, praising the successes achieved over the past four years in his field.

In a related development, the minister announced that the second edition of the Egypt Petroleum Show (EGYPS) will be held

on February 12-14 under the auspices of President Abdel Fattah El Sisi. The gathering will see more participants than the first edition in 2017, he said.

The second edition would be held in response to last year's participants who stressed the great importance of holding such conferences on an annual basis. The conference is expected to be attended by ministers of petroleum from Algeria, Iraq, Jordan, Equatorial Guinea, South Africa and other countries.