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## Rösler meets Al Attiyah

### First international visitor for Germany's new Vice Chancellor and Minister of Economics

by Julian Tucker



H.E. Abdullah bin Hamad Al-Attiyah, Deputy Prime Minister and Chief of the Emiri Diwan of the State of Qatar and H.E. Dr. Philipp Rösler, German Federal Minister of Economics and Technology and Vice Chancellor

German Vice Chancellor and Federal Minister of Economics and Technology, **H.E. Dr. Philipp Rösler** held his first meeting with a foreign guest together with **H.E. Abdullah bin Hamad Al-Attiyah**, Deputy Prime Minister and Chief of the Emiri Diwan of the State of Qatar, on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2011. The focus of the meeting was to strengthen bilateral economic relations as well as concentrate on questions surrounding energy.

H.E. Dr. Philipp Rösler commented that Qatar is a dependable partner for Germany. He also commented on Qatar's ambition to host an emission-free World Cup in 2022. Here, he believes Germany, as a leading technology producer, can make a considerable contribution. In addition he noted that the bilateral cooperation is mutually

beneficial as the first deliveries of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) from Qatar will help diversify Germany's gas supply. Both sides wish to use the Joint Economic Commission as a committee for bilateral economic cooperation.

Following this, H.E. Abdullah bin Hamad Al-Attiyah, together with Ernst Burgbacher, Parliamentary State Secretary at the German Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology, opened NUMOV's / the German Near and Middle East Association's Annual Conference, which took place at the Ministry of Economics and Technology in Berlin (see page 6).

On the evening of May 24<sup>th</sup> 2011, H.E. Abdullah bin Hamad Al-Attiyah was the guest of honour at

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