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Ksi Lisims LNG secures environmental approval: The Indigenous-led project, partnered with Nisga'a Nation, Rockies LNG, and Western LNG, is set to deliver net-zero LNG by 2030, generating billions in

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Businesses prepare for tariff impacts: Over half of Canadian exporters expect tariffs to affect sales and profits. Firms plan responses such as finding new markets, adjusting supply chains, or delaying investments.



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