REMARKS BY HIS EXCELLENCY, MALAM DIKKO UMARU RADDA, PhD, CON (THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF KATSINA STATE) AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE GREEN VILLE KATSINA GAS HUB

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Today's event stands as a practical demonstration of the commitment we made to the people of Katsina State during our campaign—a commitment anchored on security, economic revitalisation, human capital development, and sustainable development. This inauguration is therefore not merely about commissioning infrastructure; it is about delivering on our promise of governance with impact, accountability, and visible outcomes.

From the outset, our administration recognised that energy is the backbone of security, productivity, and economic growth. Without reliable power, businesses cannot expand, public services cannot function optimally, and communities remain

constrained. It is for this reason that power and energy occupy a central place in our development manifesto and policy direction.

The Green Ville Katsina Gas Hub represents our pragmatic approach to energy diversification—embracing cleaner fuels alongside renewable energy solutions to address both immediate needs and long-term sustainability. This approach aligns with our broader energy transition agenda, which carefully balances affordability, reliability, and environmental responsibility.

Since assuming office, our administration has initiated and advanced several flagship power and energy interventions. These include the hybridization of the Lambar Rimi Wind Farm through the integration of solar photovoltaic systems and battery energy storage to enhance reliability and output; the deployment of solar mini-grids and standalone solar solutions to underserved rural communities, markets,

and public institutions; strategic investments in Battery Energy Storage Systems to improve grid stability and resilience; and the procurement and deployment of distribution transformers to strengthen electricity distribution, reduce outages, and support industrial and commercial growth across the State.

Collectively, these interventions reflect our manifesto commitment to unlocking economic opportunities, empowering small and medium-scale enterprises, and improving the quality of life of our people.

Beyond infrastructure delivery, our focus has remained firmly people-centred. We are ensuring that energy investments translate into employment opportunities, skills transfer, local content development, and meaningful private-sector participation, particularly for our youth. Through deliberate and structured partnerships, we are

positioning Katsina State as a credible and attractive destination for responsible investment.

This gas hub complements our renewable energy initiatives by providing a cleaner and more efficient alternative fuel, reducing reliance on unsafe and environmentally harmful energy sources. It further supports our vision of a secure, productive, and climate-conscious Katsina State.

I commend Green Ville and its partners for aligning with our development priorities and for their confidence in Katsina State. Let me assure all investors that this Government remains fully committed to creating an enabling environment defined by transparency, safety, and mutual accountability.

To the people of Katsina State, I reaffirm our pledge: we will continue to deliver projects that strengthen security, grow the economy, build human capital, and safeguard the future. This is the essence of the mandate you entrusted to us.

It is therefore with great pleasure that I formally inaugurate the Green Ville Katsina Gas Hub.

May Allah bless this project and bless Katsina State.

Thank you.