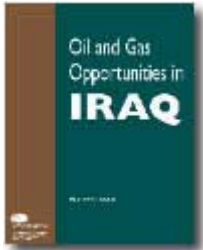


Oil and Gas Opportunities in Iraq



Introduction

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Oil and Gas Opportunities in Iraq – Executive Summary

Summary

Iraq has the world's second largest proven oil reserves, with nearly 11% of the world total. It also has more than 2% of the world's proven natural gas reserves, and the potential for considerable extra discoveries of both oil and gas. Iraq is probably the most underexplored major hydrocarbon prospect in the world. Within the next decade it could become the most important export market for a wide range of oil, gas and energy service companies.

Iraq's petroleum industry has been starved of finance and technology. Once UN sanctions are lifted or eased a huge field development programme will begin. Infrastructure from wellhead to loading jetty will require foreign investment and expertise. The opportunities will extend to LPG, refining, petrochemicals and electricity generation.

Iraq's oil production is expected to rise from 2.8mbpd to at least 6.0mbpd within about a decade from the ending of UN sanctions which would make it the second largest oil producer in the world. Gas production, currently about 400 million cubic feet a day (MMcfd) could rise to more than 4,000MMcfd over the same period. LPG output should also rise sharply within ten years of the lifting of sanctions to more than 3.8m tonnes per year.

Opportunities exist for a wide range of upstream and downstream activities, including exploration, production, pipelines and storage, and for a large range of service companies, including equipment suppliers, providers of petroleum and environmental technical services, consultants, pipeline and storage contractors, banks and others wanting to finance major new developments.

In addition to these, a series of other opportunities is about to open up in other sectors of the energy economy. Several new, worldscale projects, including new oil export pipelines, marine terminals, refineries and petrochemical plants are likely to be available for foreign contractors within the next few years. The development of the natural gas industry will create still more large scale projects, including gas processing, pipelines and local distribution. Several gas-fired power

stations could be built, as well. Iraq could also emerge as a significant regional producer and exporter of LPG.

As well as providing a series of major business opportunities, the development of Iraq's oil and gas industries is likely to have a profound effect on the world oil industry in general. Iraq could become both an important provider of oil to world markets and natural gas to regional markets, with a corresponding effect on prices over many years to come. It could also be a major competitor for nearby producers of oil and gas in the Middle East, North Africa and Central Asia, affecting future developments way beyond its borders.

Who should read this report?

The report, published in easy to read format is essential reading for:

- Risk Managers
- Oil service companies
- Upstream / Downstream Oil companies
- Government and Regulatory organizations
- Commercial Banks
- Corporate and project finance specialists
- Project insurers and insurance brokers
- Equipment manufacturers and suppliers
- Specialist advisors including lawyers, tax specialist, analysts, management consultants and consulting engineers

The report is essential reading for those that need analysis and thorough understanding of the following:

- Oil reserve data and energy consumption figures
- Evaluation of the Iraq oil and gas sector in the context of the global industry
- Focus on the potential for growth and key investment prospects
- Assess the impact of current economic, political and legal issues on the future development of the sector and the effect on the investment climate
- Current and projected upstream / downstream activity
- Projected market trends
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