# A NATIONAL ENERGY STRATEGY FOR LEBANON

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# **NATIONAL ENERGY VISION & STRATEGY**

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# Since 2009, the Ministry of Energy & Water has implemented sectoral action plans in the electricity, water and oil & gas sectors



# The Different Sectoral Plans Should All Fit into an Integrated Energy Vision for Lebanon.



Now

Near Term

Medium Term

## The Integrated Energy Vision Depends on the Inputs of All the Energydriven Sectors and is Part of a Bigger Economy Vision.



# Lebanon's national aspirations from the energy sector can act as an umbrella for the development of an energy strategy in Lebanon

#### National Aspiration

Improve Lebanon's energy security backed by indigenous sources

Build a fostering environment for investments & competition in energy

#### Description

- Fill the energy gap and reduce Lebanon's current energy dependency on the external markets.
- Develop an indigenous & diversified energy that will support economic growth.
- Promote attractive investments for Lebanese & international companies.
- Adopt a competitive and open system to attract investors by developing PPP.

Optimize value out of energy activities for current & future generations

Ensure that non-renewable energy resources benefit current and future generations. Establish financial instruments (eg. Sovereign Wealth Fund) that preserve wealth generated & transform it into renewable financial assets.

#### Promote sustainability

Conduct energy development at a prudent pace that allows absorption, ie. the development of local industries, & the education & employment of Lebanese. Define & implement best QHSE practices.

- Adopt good governance and transparency practices in the regulatory framework.
- Enforce specific accountability measures.
- Communicate and consult with all stakeholders in an inclusive approach.

Govern the energy sector with transparency & accountability

# ELECTRICITY

## **The Planning**

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#### General plan for the reform of the whole electricity sector





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#### SUB-SECTORAL PLANS

Plan for the expansion of the transmission sector

Law 181 for project investment in transmission projects

Identification of a clear vision for the Generation Sector (2010)

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- B Setting the priorities for short, medium & long term
- Law 181 for project investment in generation projects







## **The Implementation**

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#### Generation

- RE in Zouk and Jieh adding 272 MW
- Upgrading Deir Ammar and Zahrani adding 63 MW
- Power Rental from the floating power barges adding 370 MW

#### Transmission

- Complete execution of projects under law 181
- Adding 3 new GIS substations of 490 MVA
- Extending 8 existing substations of 1,200 MVA
- New lines of around 158 km adding a capacity of 350 MVA

#### Distribution

- Implementation of DSP over 4 years
- First PPP project in Lebanon
- More than 4750 smart meters installed as a pilot project
- Investments all over Lebanon around 200 Million USD
- Amelioration of the customer service experience
- Reduction of losses on distribution grid



#### Renewable Energy

- 614,000 sqm of installed SWH
- More than 23 MWp of distributed solar PV installations with a 123% year to year growth
- 2 farms of 1 MWp each on the Beirut River (BRSS) and the Zahrani Oil installations
- 3 wind farms bid of more than 200 MW in its last stages with a PPA price of 10.45 USc/kWh
- First IPP licenses issued by the GoL for the 3 wind farms
- More than 500 Million USD loans granted to more than 330 RE and EE projects through NEEREA loans in collaboration with BdL

\*ESTIMATION FROM OCT-DEC

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# **The Vision**

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- Adding two new IPP power plants in Selaata and Zahrani around 1,000 MW
- Two more power plants of around 1,000 MW to be decided



#### Renewable Energy

- 12% is the projected share of renewable energy production of the total national heating and electricity demand in 2020
- 15% is the projected share of renewable energy production of the total national heating and electricity demand in 2030



#### Transmission

- Master Plan approved by the GoL
- First time since 21 years (1996)
- Investments 353 Million USD (2018 2023)
- Second phase 200 Million USD (2023 2030)
- Total around 600 Million USD (2018 2030)
- Marina Substation

# **The Vision**

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#### Fuel Sourcing Strategy

- Policy for the use of Natural Gas in Two Thirds of the power production
- On the Short-term:
  - Procurement of NG through 3 offshore LNG regasification terminals:
    - Deir Ammar
    - Selaata
    - Zahrani
  - Supply of NG to all coastal power plants through 4 NG pipelines:
    - > Deir Ammar Selaata
    - Selaata Zouk
    - Jieh Zahrani
    - Zahrani Sour

#### • Securing the supply of Liquid fuels through Strategic Storage Projects

#### at the Oil Installations in Lebanon:

- > Up to 2.5 million cubic meters of storage capacity in Tripoli and Zahrani
- > First phase 430,000 cubic meters in Tripoli Oil Installations
- On the Medium to Long-term:
  - Improving Energy Security by Reducing Fuel Demand through Electric Mobility
  - Use of the Lebanese indigenous Natural Gas to replace most of the imports



# A series of water dams are planned and some are under construction, with hydropower capacities



# OIL & GAS

### Oil & Gas sectoral plan We worked on De-risking the sector on the subsurface & surface, reaching the first licensing round

De-Risking work below & above the ground



First Licensing Round Applicants per Block



## **Objectives of Lebanon's 1st offshore licensing round**

Striking commercial discoveries in Lebanon's Exclusive Economic Zone



Retaining Lebanon's sovereign rights with respect to its wealth around the borders



## **Open blocks that received offers**



### Oil and gas industry context

Significant change in market conditions with the approximate 50% drop in oil prices between 2012 and 2017



Source: World Bank Commodity Price Data

## **Price drop effect on IOCs exploration budgets**

Lebanon is facing a more stringent competition with other countries compared to 2013 as International Oil Companies (IOCs) exploration budgets also dropped by about 58%.



# **Regional context**

### Where does Lebanon stand?

- Real competition took place during the prequalification rounds (2013 and 2017).
- Most stringent criteria in the East Med resulted in screening major IOCs:
  - 13 Right Holders Operators
  - 34 Right Holders Non Operators
- Bidders in Lebanon are 2 out of 3 major IOCs traditionally operating in the East Med, namely Total and Eni.
- Given this is the 1<sup>st</sup> Licensing Round and given the small size of the Lebanese offshore, Lebanon attracted a higher number of companies than its neighboring countries which confirms the interest in our EEZ and its prospectivity.

## Promising but uncertain sector drilling a well will de-risk it and explore its potential



- Alleviate energy insecurity and promote Lebanon as a regional energy player.

- Reduce fiscal burden resulting from energy import bill.
- Increase employment, value added and national revenue.
- Test the efficiency of the system and improve conditions during subsequent licensing rounds.



- Losing credibility to attract exploration investments and become energy independent.

- Losing opportunity to join regional petroleum producing countries that are establishing an integrated East Med gas market.

- Losing market access and opportunity to export the prospective gas.

## The Way forward



Public and Private Sectors Joining Efforts and Pro-actively Contributing

# THANK YOU

