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REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT IN IRANIAN GAS MARKET

S.Ghavampour National Iranian Gas Company PGCB,SG Regulation



Country Profile

- Population
- Location
- Area
- Capital
- Currency

- : 65.6 million
- : Middle East
- : 1.648 million Sq. Km
- : Tehran
- : Rial (R)



Oil and Gas Reserves : 270 bn boe 2004

• Crude Oil : 37%, 100 Вп Вое Natural Gas : 63%, 28 тсм

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NIGC in Brief

- Founded 1966, State owned integrated gas company
- Employees
- Sub-companies
- Paid up Capital
- Assets

19,000

- 34
- **USD 698 Million**
- **USD 9712 Million**

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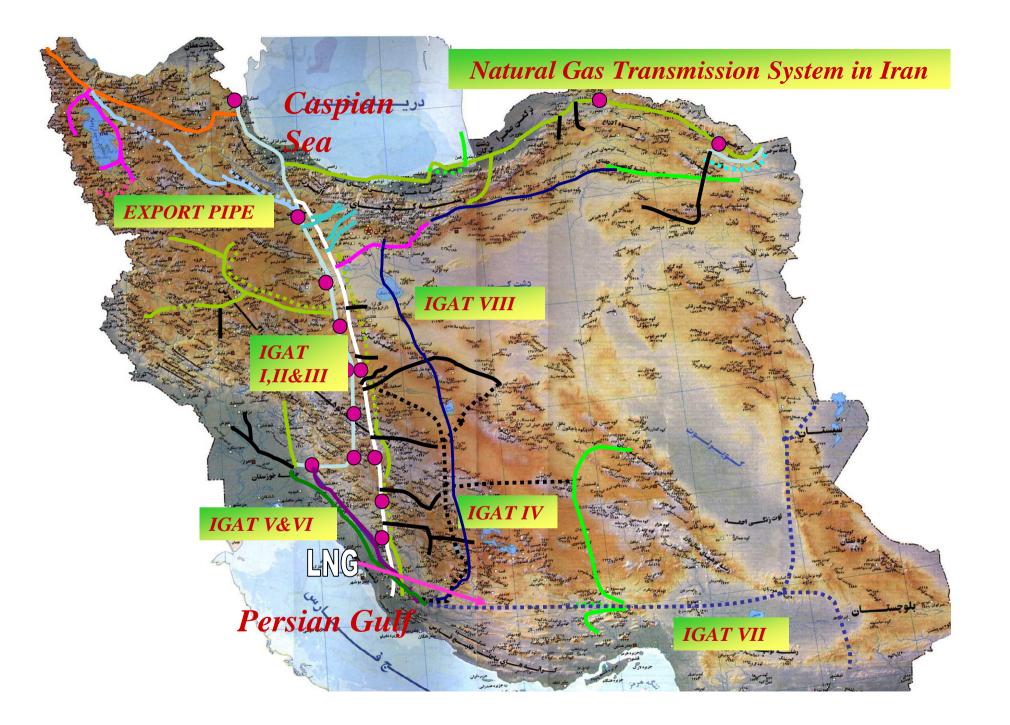


NIGC Main Activities

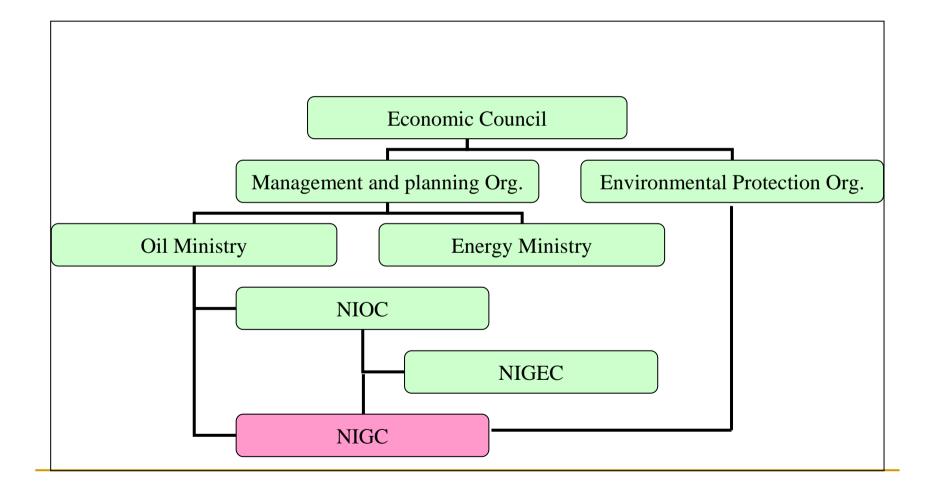
- Gas Treatment
- Gas Transmission
- Gas Distribution
- Research & Development
- Engineering & Construction
- Gas Trade (Export & Import)
- Underground Storage

Natural Gas Main Figures in Iran

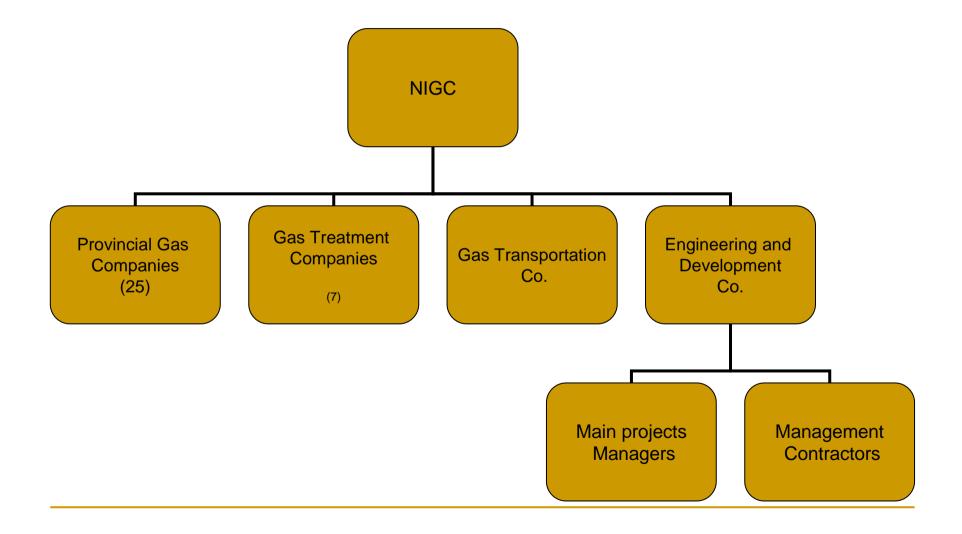
- 27,5 TCM Reserves
- 22000 Km High pressure pipeline
- 110000 Km Internal Network
- 110 bcm Consumption
- Export/Import Starting point



Regulatory Organizations in Iranian Gas Market



NIGC's Affiliated Companies



SECURITY OF SUPPLY IN SHORT, MID AND LONG TERM AT IRANIAN GAS MARKET

Short Term:

 line pack, seasonal injection, interruptible sales, spot and swaps

Mid Term:

 underground storage, loop lines, Flexible import and export and seasonal reinjection, National Regulation

Long Term:

 Diversification, shared infrastructure for export, capital, International regulation, Two way natural gas market Oligopoly 2030 Prospective

Gas holders

- Russian Federation, Middle East, Africa, South East Asia
- Capital holders
- North America, EU, East Asia

Recent Developments in Iranian Gas Market toward Globalization

- Establishment of affiliated Provincial Gas Companies
- Restructuring the engineering and construction activities
- Unbundling side activities in the whole gas chain areas
- Taking responsibility UGS construction and operation
- Adopting BOO, BOT, Buy Back and other mechanisms
- Vertical Integration, Transmission distribution
- New formula for domestic natural gas pricing
- Assigning a number of South Pars phases to LNG,GTL,...

Iranian International Pipeline Gas Market

- Turkey
- Azerbaijan
- Armenia
- Pakistan
- India
- Afghanistan
- Europe
- Persian Golf Countries

10 bcm/y, Pricing
1-2 bcm/y, SWAP, balance
2-4 bcm/y, Capital
6-10 bcm/y, Capital, price
10-30 bcm/y, Capital, price
1-2 bcm/y, Capital, price
40 bcm/y, Cost, price
30-40 bcm/y, Decision making

Thank you for your kind attention