# THE LEBANESE OFFSHORE: PROSPECTIVE HYDROCARBON POTENTIAL

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#### **OUTLINE**

- Lebanon attractiveness factors
- Legal framework and results of the 1<sup>st</sup> licensing round
- Regional petroleum activities
- Multiclient data library interpretations
- Prospectivity
- Potential Markets
- 2 Note: 2 2 nd Offshore Licensing Round

# KEY CONTRIBUTORS TO LEBANON'S OFFSHORE ATTRACTIVENESS

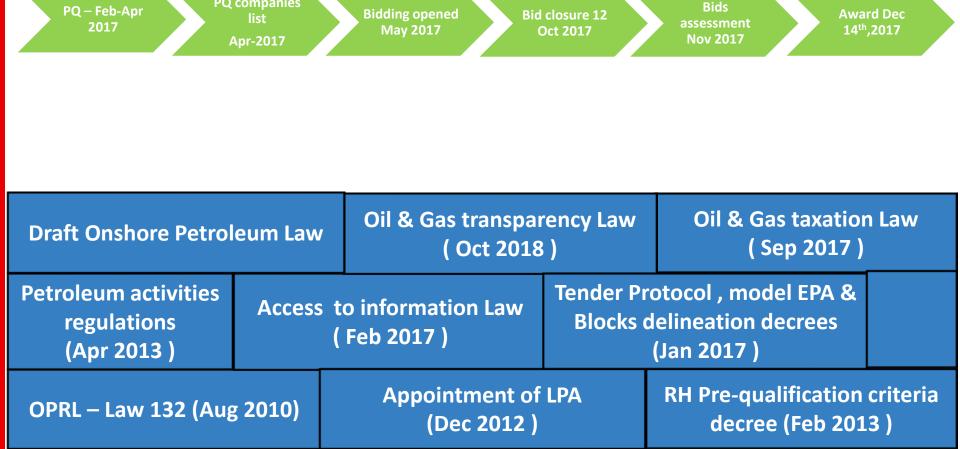
#### ATTRACTIVENESS FACTORS



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#### LEGAL SETTING AND 1<sup>ST</sup> ROUND TIMELINE

**PQ** companies



### 1ST LICENSING ROUND CLOSURE /OUTCOME



12<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017

Submission of bids

14<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017

Council of Ministers
approved the
award of two
exclusive
petroleum licenses

27th March 2018

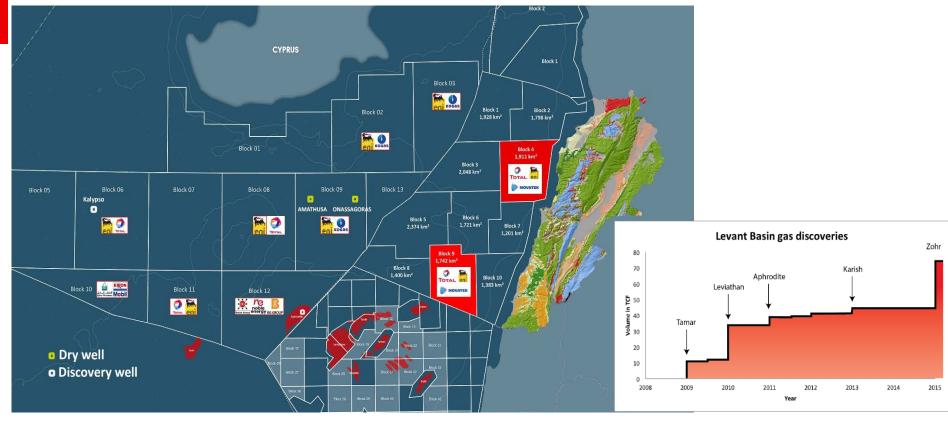
Submission of Exploration Plan (3 yrs) May 2018

Commencement of Exploration phase upon approval of the Exploration Plan H1-H2 2018

Exploration Activities (Pre-drilling) 2019

Exploration drilling

#### REGIONAL EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES

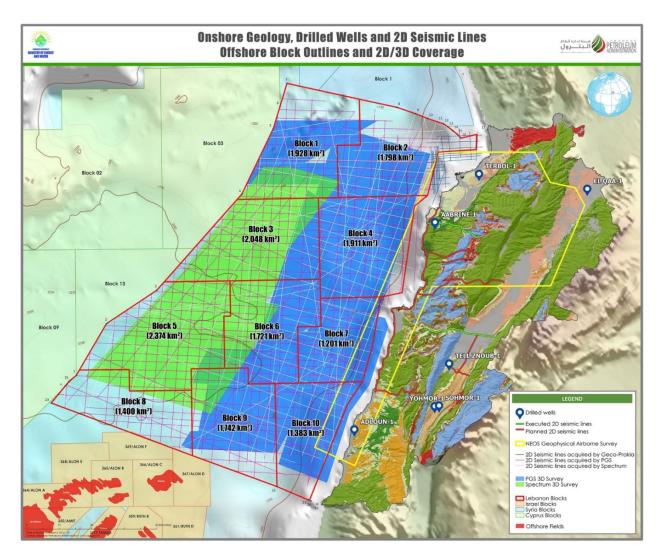


- Passive Margin for long geologic time .
- Numerous discoveries in the region .
- Prospects mapped in Lebanon share the same trends
- Zohr was a paradigm shift in the exploration cycle
- Calypso discovery announced by ENI in Block 6 offshore Cyprus
- Two Carbonate reservoirs discoveries in 2.5 years equal in reserves /resources to 17 years of discoveries in turbidites (sand).

Source: IHS Market

#### **AVAILABLE GEOPHYSICAL DATA**

- Complete 2D coverage
- 80% of the block area acquired by 3D seismic
- 6000 km² MERG & Hyperspectral
- 70.3 km onshore 2D seismic surveys



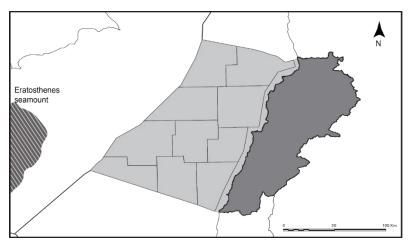
40 Companies have Licensed Lebanese Offshore Data

#### PLAYS OFFSHORE LEBANON

#### Pliocene

Age Range: 5.3 ma – present

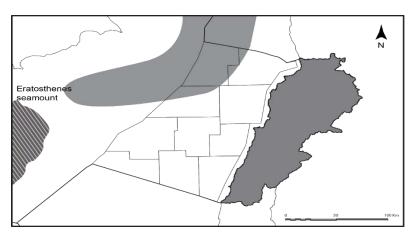
Depth Range: 1600 – 2300 meters subsea



#### **Eocene**

Age Range: 56 ma - 33.9 ma

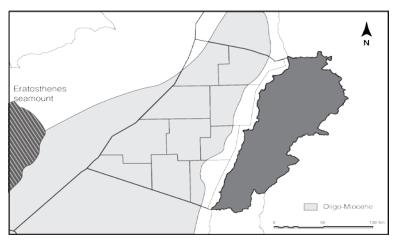
Depth Range: ~2000 – 4500 meters subsea



#### Oligo-Miocene

Age Range: 33.9 ma – 5.3 ma

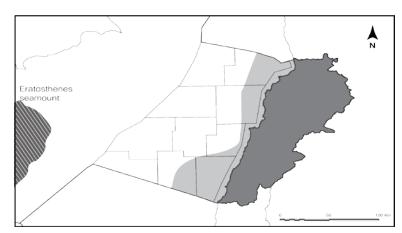
Depth Range: 3500–6500 meters subsea



#### Carbonate

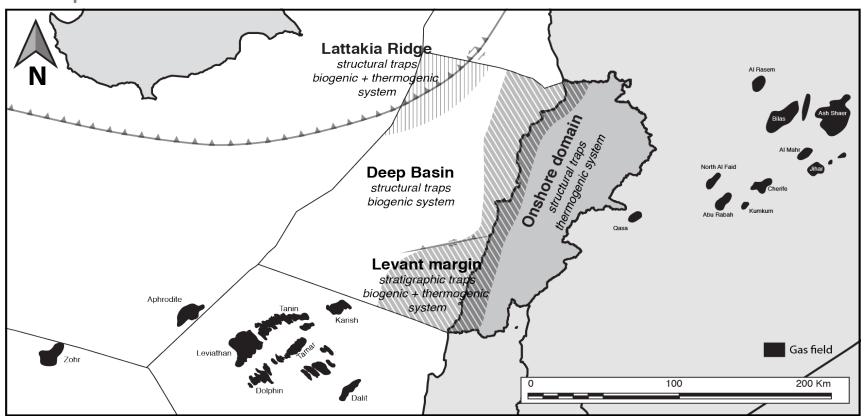
Age Range: 251 ma – 5.3 ma

Depth Range: 2000 – 8500 meters subsea

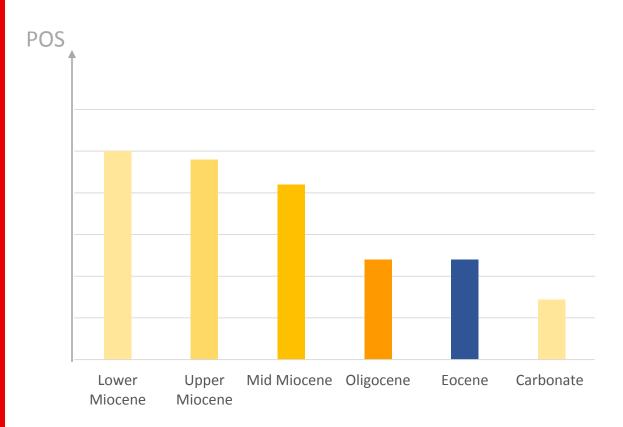


# THE PETROLEUM SYSTEMS OF LEBANON

- 4 petroleum systems identified
- Consist mainly of gas in the deep Basin (based on basin modelling)
- Liquid oil expected onshore, along the margin and possibly in the deep basin



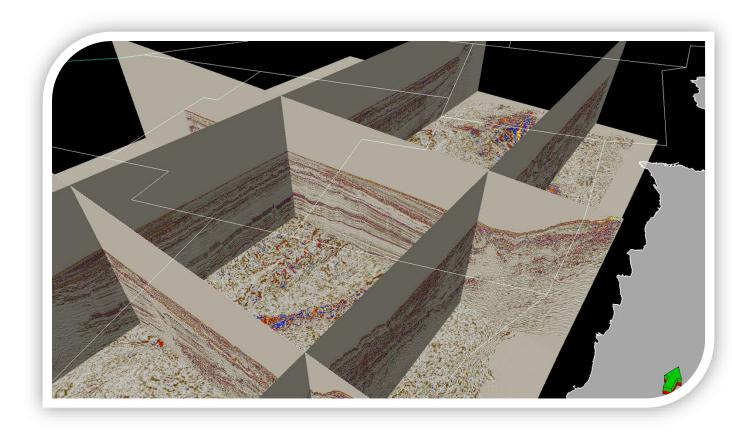
#### PLAY RANKING – HIGHEST TO LOWEST



- The lower Miocene ranks first given the proven reserves in different parts of the East Med.
- Though riskier, recent carbonates discoveries increased the exploration appetite of IOCs due to the potential high undiscovered resources.

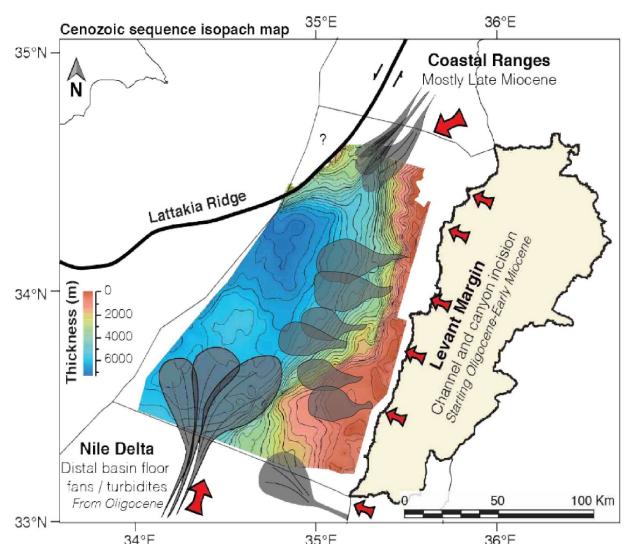
#### **AVAILABLE GEOPHYSICAL DATA**

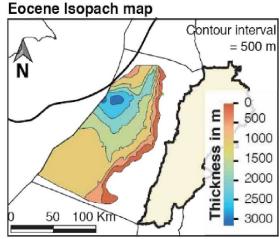
- Modern 2D and 3D Seismic data across the EEZ.
- Data viewing at:
  - LPA Offices
  - PGS
  - Spectrum

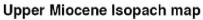


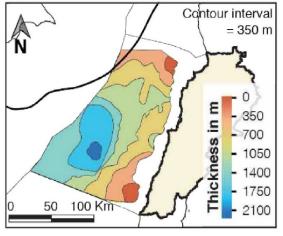
Data viewing request can be made via email: datacenter@lpa.gov.lb

#### SEDIMENT INPUT



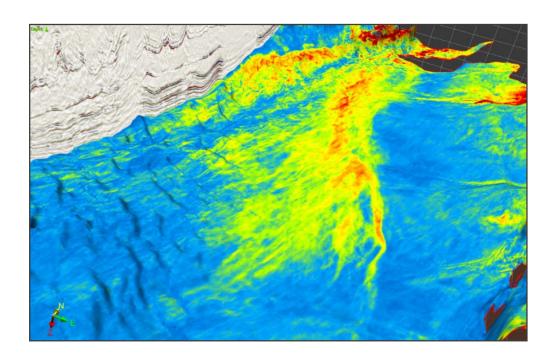




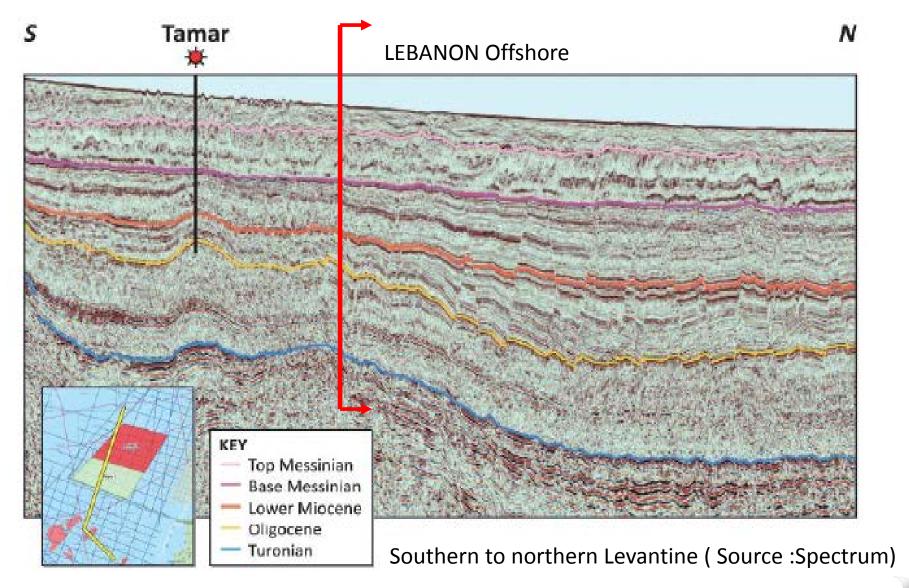


#### **GEOPHYSICAL CHARACTERIZATION**

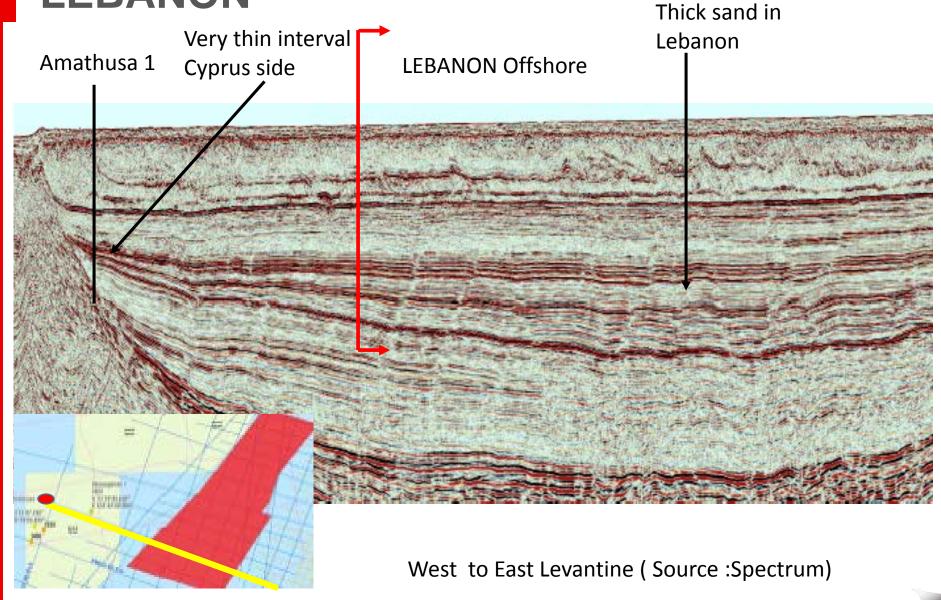
- Advanced geophysical characterization studies
- Identify sand source and hence reservoir presence
- Reduce uncertainties
- Point to likely drilling targets



# SEDIMENTS THICKNESS OFFSHORE LEBANON



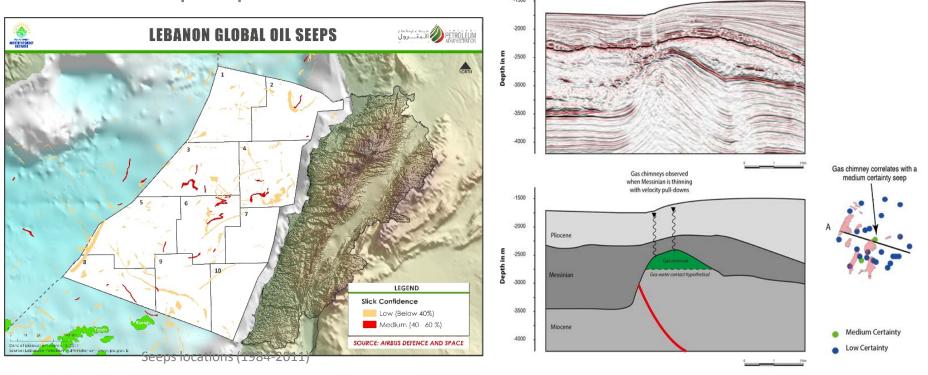
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#### OCCURRENCE OF OIL SEEPS

Widespread occurrence of oil seeps (over 200) suggest that offshore

Lebanon is prospective.



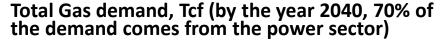
HC seeps closely correlate to hydrocarbon indication on seismic such as bright spots and gas chimneys associated with possible migration pathways.

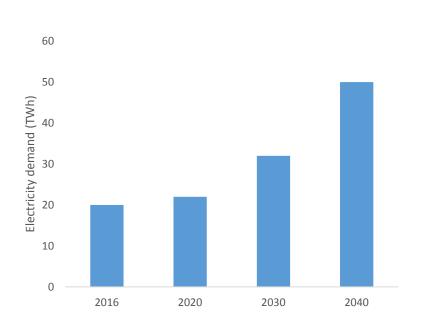
### **POTENTIAL MARKETS**

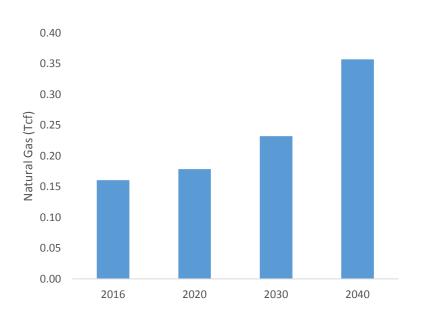
"The Minister may require that the Right Holders sell all or a portion of the Natural Gas produced from a Reservoir to the State or to an Entity that is owned by the State for use in the Lebanese domestic market. In such event, the State shall have the obligation to take the amount of Natural Gas in respect of which the election is made." (As per EPA, article 14.8)

# LOCAL NATURAL GAS DEMAND (MAINLY FOR ELECTRICITY)

#### **Electricity demand, TWh**







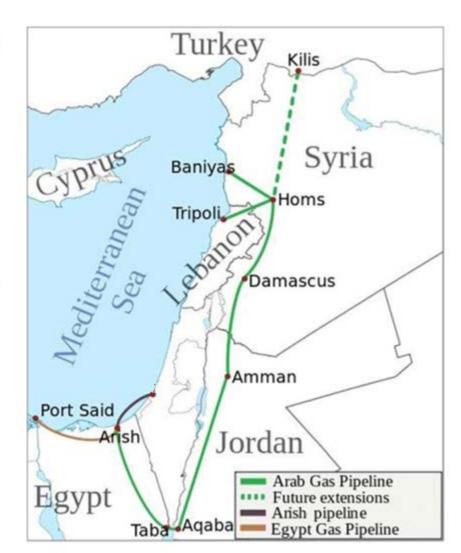
It is worth noting that sectors other than the power, can benefit from indigenous natural gas supply (i.e. Cement factories, industries, etc.)

Also important is the fact that the natural gas prices <u>will not be subsidized</u> and are going to be mainly indexed on the closest natural gas hub market.

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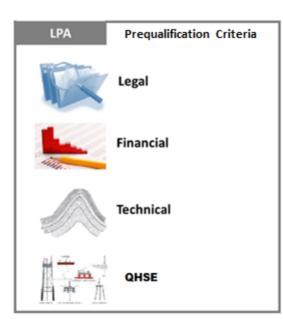
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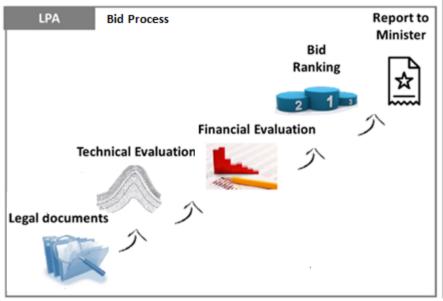
- Lebanon holds friendly relations with Syria, Turkey, Cyprus, Egypt, Jordan and the EU.
- Lebanese Natural Gas can easily reach Syria, Jordan and Egypt through the Arab Gas Pipeline.
- Turkey can be reached by an extension of the Arab Gas Pipeline or through a short offshore shallow water pipeline.
- The EU markets can be reached through Turkey.
- Lebanon can tie-in to any regional collaboration passing through Cyprus.



### 2<sup>ND</sup> LICENSING ROUND

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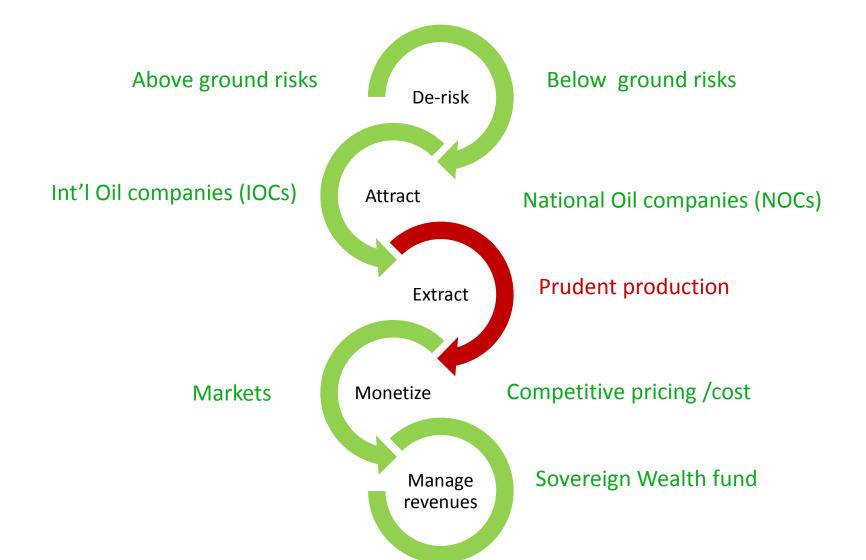
### TENTATIVE TIMELINE FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> LICENSING ROUND

	From	То
Official Launching of Licensing Round and		
Announcement of Open Blocks	Late 2018	
Submission of Prequalification Applications	January 2019	End of April 2019
Declaration of Prequalification Results	May 2019	
Submission of Bids	May 2019	End of October 2019
Evaluation of Bids and CoM approval	November 2019	
Signature of EPAs	December 2019	

### **MEETING THE LPA**

Event	Location	Dates
AAPG	Capetown – South Africa	4-7 November 2018
Adipec	Abu Dhabi - UAE	12-15 November 2018
Lebanon day- Petex	London - UK	(26)27-29 November 2018

#### CONCLUSION



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