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2nd Mauritanian Mining and Oil & Gas Conference & Exhibition

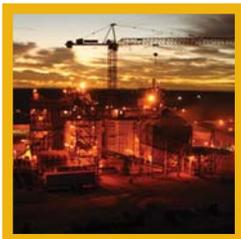


Mauritania: A rich but unexplored sub-soil



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The spotlight of the world's mining and petroleum industry to focus on Mauritania

The second Mauritanian Mining & Oil and Gas Conference & Exhibition (**MAURITANIDES 2012**) will take place in **Nouakchott, Mauritania** from **8 – 11 October 2012**. The event will be organised by the **Ministry of Petroleum, Energy and Mines, Mauritania** in association with the British event organiser **AME Trade Ltd**.



- **The event will feature** three days of plenary sessions, technical workshops, exhibitions, as well as visits to Mauritanian mining and petroleum sites. It will gather international investors, mining and petroleum experts, managers of financial institutions, Mauritanian decision makers, development partners and donors, as well as other key actors and partners in the mining and petroleum industries.
- **MAURITANIDES 2012** will act as a **platform to exchange experiences**, debate and establish business partnerships and cooperation, which will lead to conclusions and recommendations for an improved development of the country's sub-soil wealth and its sustainable development.
- **MAURITANIDES is an established even and in 2010** was inaugurated by **His Excellency Mr. Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz, President, Islamic Republic of Mauritania**, it featured more than 600 delegates and 50 exhibitors, emanating from over 30 countries including all of the major players in Mauritania's mining industry
- In his welcome speech, **His Excellency Mr. Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz, President, Islamic Republic of Mauritania** remarked "the constant influx into the country of mining investors was measured by the presence of them today in Nouakchott and demonstrates the actual intense activity in geological prospection which comprises of over 50 mining companies (of which are included large multinationals) who operating on 170 mining permits",
- **New for 2012!** : MAURITANIDES 2012 will include a promotion for Mauritania's hugely promising oil and gas sector

Mauritania: A rapidly developing mining and petroleum destination

- **The mining sector, Mauritania's engine for economic growth:** The mining sector with the extractive industries contributes 24% of total GDP (2010) and represents more than half of the country's export income.
- **Mauritania a global leader** in iron ore production: Mauritania is the second largest exporter of iron ore in Africa, the Société Nationale Industrielle et Minière de Mauritanie (SNIM) produces approximately 11 MT of iron ore per annum, with production targeted to expand to 18 MT in 2014 and 25 MT in 2018. The programme of modernisation pertaining to the Guelb II has already reached over 1 billion US dollars, this includes: the extension of the existing mine, the construction of an iron ore enrichment plant with a capacity of 4MT per annum, as well as the new mineral port in Nouadhibou, all of this will contribute to increasing and improving iron ore production and export. SNIM also achieved ISO 14001 certification in Spring 2011 for its environmental management system.

Mauritania's mining sector **has benefited greatly from diversifying its mineral production**. An iron ore producer for nearly half a century, Mauritania has seen over the last few years the development of new resources through exploration, exploitation and extractions of other minerals substances such: gold, diamonds, cobalt, phosphates, salt, gypsum, zinc, lead, copper and uranium. **New mines have comes onto line including:**

1. The Guelb Moghrein deposit produced almost 37,000 tonnes of copper in concentrate and 81,766 ounces of gold in 2010. Copper output is anticipated to rise to about 50,000 tonnes by 2012..
2. The Tasiast Gold Mine, is one of the largest mining projects in Africa, proven and probable mineral reserves are 7.6 million ounces, measured and indicated mineral resources are 9.1 million ounces, and inferred mineral resources are 4.6 million ounces. An investment of \$3 billion US dollars is predicted over the next three years
3. The phosphate projects of Bofal and Loubeira are being developed. Initial production is predicted to be 1 million tonnes per annum and the company exploiting the resource are planning to build a plant for the treatment of phosphoric acid which should be operational by 2015.
4. New deposits of iron ore are showing excellent results notably Lebtheinia with a deposit approximately of 2,742 Mt and also the promising iron ore projects at Tamagot, Legleitit, Tiferchai and Kaouat.
5. The results of drilling for uranium at Bir En Nar are also very encouraging
6. The production of high quality quartz (Oum Agneina Nouadhibou), with approximately 300?000 tonnes per annum is set to start production from now until 2014.

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Mauritania's oil and gas resources, huge potential and largely unexplored

- The Chinguetti oil field, lying at a depth of 800 metres, was discovered in 2001. According to Chinguetti's operator, production is estimated at 8,000 barrels of oil a day.
- The Banda Field is estimated to contain approximately 1.2 tcf of natural gas with an oil deposit.
- The Tiof field is estimated to hold 120 million barrels of oil with associated gas. It was discovered in 2003.
- The Tevet Field is currently at evaluation stage. The gas deposit at Pelican in the Southern Part of Block 7 is also at evaluation stage. In 2010, from drilling "Cormoran" found evidence of the existence of gas outside previously defined limits.
- In the Onshore the drilling of "Tanit-1" effected by TOTAL in 2010, showed extremely promising results and reflected the potential of the hydrocarbons in the Taoudenni Basin.
- There is without any doubt numerous discoveries to be made offshore Mauritania. The eight blocks covered by exploration, encompass the majority of the offshore zones of the country. There has been very little exploration so far in the onshore areas of Mauritania.

Significant events in 2011

- Realisation by Tullow Oil of a seismic campaign on Block 2 of the coastal basin
- Realisation by TOTAL of a seismic campaign on Block Ta7
- TOTAL's achievement of drilling « Atil-1 » on the block Ta-8 of the Taoudenni Basin
- Realisation by PETRONAS of the exploration drilling on the « Gharabi » on the block C6
- Modernisation of the legal framework :
- Approval of a legal project which is aimed to make amendment to the Hydrocarbons code.
- Approval of a certain number of decrees applying to the Hydrocarbons Code
- Signature on 27 November 2011 of an exploration production contract on Block C-10 with Tullow Oil and their partners.
- Signature on 18th December 2011 and approval of the first Exploration-Production contract on the Deep Offshore (block C-9) with TOTAL E&P
- Signature on 25th December 2011 for an Exploration –Production Contract on block Ta29 for the Taoudenni Basin with TOTAL E&P
- Setting up of a Petroleum Mapping Centre for the awarding and management of Petroleum permits.

Mauritania a transparent, attractive and risk free mining & petroleum investment destination

Government reforms and capacity building projects **have facilitated mining and petroleum investments** in Mauritania.

- The Project of Institutional Reinforcement of the Mining Sector (PRISM) is a project initiated by the Government of Mauritania with their development partners to improve the capacity and competitiveness of Mauritania to attract private mining investments. Results include the acquisition of new geophysical airborne data covering about three quarters of the national territory, the acquisition of new regional geochemical data the updating of the geological mapping for the whole country at the 1/500,000 scale, and for the Reguibat Ridge and the Mauritanides at 1/200,000 scale.
- Adhesion in September 2005 to the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) and the establishment of new structures such as Mining Registry and Mining Inspection Directorates have created a clearer and better thought out administrative process.
- A new Mining Code has been put in place with very attractive and competitive terms and conditions for mining investors.
- A hydrocarbons code was also put in place in 2012 to regulate petroleum activities in Mauritania.
- A mining school has opened its doors in Mauritania in November 2011, which aims to fulfil the demands of local human resources for the rapidly developing mining sector.





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The Venue

The Palais des Congrès, Nouakchott will be the host venue of MAURITANIDES 2012. The Palais is the largest and most state of the art conference venue in the country. It features a 700 seated plenary room with several large break out rooms and simultaneous translation capabilities. It is located in the centre of the city, opposite the Olympic Stadium and adjacent to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



Sponsor MAURITANIDES 2012

Sponsorship allows you to enhance your company's participation at this important event. It is the most cost effective and high impact way for you to increase your corporate visibility. Packages are tailored to reach your target audience. We have created a range of sponsorship options ranging from Platinum to Bronze. For further information on becoming a sponsor of MAURITANIDES 2012, please send an email to AME Trade.

MAURITANIDES 2012 exhibition:

By exhibiting at the MAURITANIDES exhibition, you will be able to demonstrate your products and services directly to the key decision makers in the Mauritanian Mining and Petroleum industry, as well as physically demonstrating your commitment to doing business in Mauritania. We have prepared some expertly designed equipped stands which will be included in your exhibition package. Priority of location and space will be allocated to the event sponsors.

Speak at MAURITANIDES 2012

If you would like to make a speech at MAURITANIDES 2012 please send the following information to the organisation committee: Your biography in maximum 200 words with your photograph.

N.B: Speeches can be made in French or English. All communications should not last longer than 15 minutes. The final date to receive applications is September 14th 2012.

Delegate participation:

By participating as a delegate at MAURITANIDES 2012, you will have access to all the conference sessions, the exhibition, official social functions and will receive a copy of all the conference materials. Transport will be provided for you on arrival and departure in Mauritania as well as to and from the conference venue.

Planning your business trip to Mauritania:

We will be pleased to assist you to plan your trip to Mauritania. We have put together a list of good hotels in Nouakchott. We have reserved rooms in these hotels and negotiated excellent rates for our participants which are far lower than those advertised. Once you have registered for the event, we will send you further information on prices, how to obtain your visa & airport transfers.

How to confirm your participation in MAURITANIDES 2012?

To register as a delegate, exhibit, speak (only international speakers) or sponsor at MAURITANIDES 2012 please contact:



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