

## Cepsa launches its first natural gas field

- **The Timimoun field in Algeria will reach a maximum daily production of 5 million cubic meters of natural gas**
- **The inauguration was attended by the Algerian ministers of Energy, Internal Affairs and Public Works, as well as representatives of Cepsa, Sonatrach and Total**
- **Cepsa has carried out its exploration and production activity in Algeria for over 30 years**

Cepsa, together with its partners Sonatrach and Total, have started production at the Timimoun natural gas field in Algeria. The start-up of a natural gas field is a first for Cepsa.

The field is located in Wilaya de Adrar, to the southwest of the country, and is expected to generate a daily output of five million cubic meters of natural gas at maximum production. The gas field, shared by Sonatrach (51%), Total (37.75%) and Cepsa (11.25%), consists of 37 producing wells connected to the natural gas collection and treatment facilities, together with the natural gas pipeline that connects the gas fields of southwestern Algeria with Hassi R'mel (GR5).

This start-up is a major milestone for the project and the strengthening of the historic association between the three partners, after [the signing of the concession contract and the gas sale agreement](#) in December 2017. The project's development plan was approved by the Algerian authorities in 2009.

Algeria's Minister of Energy, Mustapha Guitouni, the Minister of Internal Affairs, Nouredine Bedoui, and the Minister of Public Works, Abdelghani Zaalane, took part in the inauguration of the natural gas field. The event was also attended by the Director of Cepsa in Algeria, Francisco Claver, the General Director of Sonatrach, Abdelmoumène Ould Kaddour, and the Director of Total for North Africa and the Middle East, Stephane Mitchell.

### Cepsa in Algeria

In Algeria, together with its strategic partner, Sonatrach, Cepsa operates two important oil fields in the Berkine basin — Rhourde el Krouf (RKF) and Ourhoud (ORD), the second largest field in the country, which reached a production of 1 billion barrels in November 2017. In the same basin the Company has another crude field, Rhourde er Rouni II.

In total, the oil fields operated by Cepsa in Algeria produce more than 130,000 barrels per day.

Cepsa has a 42% stake in the Medgaz gas pipeline, an alternative route for the supply of natural gas from Algeria to Europe via Spain. The submarine gas pipeline, operated by Cepsa, has a transport capacity of 8,000 million m<sup>3</sup>/year and is 210 km long.

Cepsa began its exploration and production activity in Algeria over three decades ago with the help of Sonatrach, to later expand its activity to other countries such as Colombia, Peru, Brazil, Suriname, Thailand, Malaysia and the United Arab Emirates, where it has recently expanded its portfolio with the [concession of two new offshore fields](#), and in Mexico, a country in which [Cepsa was yesterday awarded three hydrocarbon exploration blocks](#).

### **About Cepsa**

Cepsa is a global energy company, which operates in an integrated manner at all stages of the hydrocarbon value chain as well as manufacturing products from plant-based raw materials and having a presence in the renewable energy sector. Mubadala Investment Company, one of the world's largest sovereign wealth funds, is its sole shareholder.

It has more than 85 years of experience and a team of around 10,000 professionals, with technical excellence and the ability to adapt. It is present on all five continents through its Exploration and Production, Refining, Chemical, Marketing, Gas and Electricity, and Trading divisions.

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