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ALGERIA BID ROUND 2026

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Key points

- **ALNAFT launched, on 19 April 2026, the "Algeria Bid Round 2026", relating to seven onshore perimeters for conventional hydrocarbons.**
- **This round is the second to be conducted under the new Hydrocarbons Law No. 19-13 of 11 December 2019, which is intended to provide a more attractive framework for investors.**
- **The seven offered perimeters present varied profiles, ranging from areas comprising existing discoveries and fields to perimeters with significant prospective potential.**
- **Prequalified companies, whether acting individually or as part of a consortium, may participate in the procedure, subject to compliance with the conditions set by ALNAFT.**
- **Access to the tender documents, the VDR and the technical presentations is subject to registration through the Bid Round Connect platform and payment of an access fee of USD 30,000 excluding taxes per perimeter.**
- **The timeline notably provides for the opening of the VDR on 1 June 2026, the submission of bids on 26 November 2026 and the signing of the contracts no later than 31 January 2027.**

The National Agency for the Valorisation of Hydrocarbon Resources ("**ALNAFT**") officially launched, in Algiers on 19 April 2026, the "**Algeria Bid Round 2026**".

This is the second bid round organised under the new Hydrocarbons Law No. 19-13 of 11 December 2019, which introduced a more competitive and flexible framework designed to attract investors through tax incentives and a clearer regulatory framework.

The first bid round, Algeria Bid Round 2024, was a success, with five of the six offered gas perimeters being awarded, which should ultimately make it possible to add an average of 20 billion cubic metres per year.

This bid round concerns conventional hydrocarbons in onshore Perimeters, mainly located in basins in the east and centre of the country.

It comes at a time of regional tensions in the Middle East, which are strengthening investor interest in Algeria, notably in light of its ability to ensure direct supply routes to Europe, in particular through the Medgaz pipeline.

In this context, ALNAFT has published the guidelines setting out the terms and conditions for participation in the procedure, together with the main technical characteristics of the offered perimeters.

This information is available on ALNAFT's official website: https://www.alnaft.dz/algeria-bid-round-2026/

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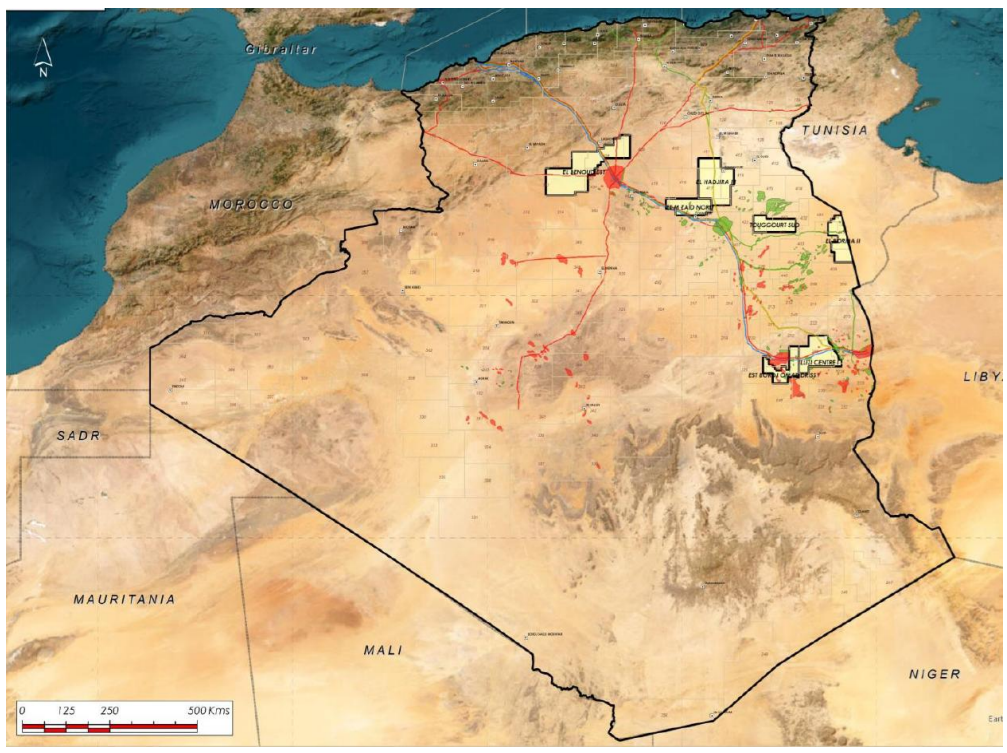
Opportunities

The Algeria Bid Round 2026 covers seven perimeters. Six are offered in the form of Production Sharing Contracts (PSCs) and one in the form of a Participation Contract.

The offered perimeters are as follows:

Project	Location	Area (km²)	Contract Type
Illizi Centre I	Bassin d'Illizi	7 441 km²	PSC
El M'Zaid Nord	Bassin d'Oued Mya	4 574,41 km²	PSC
El Borma II	Bassin de Berkine	4 870,22 km²	PSC
Est Bordj Omar Driss I	Bassin d'Illizi	4 518 km²	Participation contract
El Hadjira III	Bassin d'Oued Mya	9 229,78 km²	PSC
El Benoud Est	Benoud Trough	14 213 km²	PSC
Touggourt Sud	Bassin Amguid-Berkine	4 048 km²	PSC



These perimeters present varied profiles in terms of maturity and potential:

- Illizi Centre I notably includes an existing field, 4 discoveries and 10 prospects;
- El M'Zaid Nord includes 4 exploitation areas, 14 discoveries and 5 prospects;
- El Borma II combines 2 mature oil fields, 3 discoveries and 2 prospects;
- Est Bordj Omar Driss I includes 9 discoveries, including 7 gas discoveries;
- El Hadjira III includes 4 discoveries, 1 prospect and 10 leads;
- El Benoud Est includes 5 discoveries, 3 prospects and 30 leads; and
- Touggourt Sud includes 5 discoveries, 7 prospects and 18 leads.

A detailed technical presentation relating to the offered perimeters is available on ALNAFT's dedicated webpage: : https://www.alnaft.dz/algeria-bid-round-2026/

Who can participate?

Eligible participants include companies holding a valid prequalification certificate or having submitted, before the deadline for access to the tender documents, a prequalification application that is under review by ALNAFT.

For individual participation, only companies prequalified as operator-investors may submit bids. Participation as part of a consortium is also permitted, provided in particular that at least one member holds — or has applied for — prequalification in that capacity.

The same candidate may submit only one bid per perimeter, whether individually or as part of a consortium.

How to participate?

Participation takes place through the "Bid Round Connect" platform, accessible on ALNAFT's website. The candidate must first submit a registration application through the platform; once the application has been approved by ALNAFT, a user account and login credentials are issued.

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Once logged in, the candidate must submit a signed Non-Disclosure Commitment (NDC) together with a Power of Attorney authorizing its representative to carry out the steps relating to the procedure. The candidate may then select the desired perimeter(s) and pay, for each of them, a non-refundable access fee of USD 30,000 excluding taxes.

Upon payment, the candidate receives an Access Approval granting access to the tender documents, the Virtual Data Rooms (VDR), the online technical presentations and the clarification request mechanism.

Bids must relate to a single perimeter per envelope, be submitted in double-sealed envelopes and include, in particular, the signed submission letter, the technical or techno-financial bid compliant with the template, the initialed draft hydrocarbon contract, the prequalification certificate and the Access Approval to the tender documents.

Bids will be evaluated on the basis of technical criteria and, for six of the seven perimeters, financial criteria; only the Est Bordj Omar Driss I perimeter will be evaluated exclusively on technical criteria.

Timeline

- **19 April 2026**: launch of the Algeria Bid Round 2026;
- **1 June 2026**: opening of access to the tender documents, the VDR and the technical presentations;
- **31 October 2026**: closing of access to the VDR, clarification requests and technical presentations;
- **26 November 2026**: submission, opening and evaluation of bids in Algiers;
- **31 January 2027**: issuance of the deeds of attribution and signing of the hydrocarbon contracts.

Should you have any inquiries or require legal assistance in navigating this new bid round, do not hesitate to reach out. We would be delighted to assist.

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