



# SNH 8 More than thirty years of experience



#### **Profile**

The National Hydrocarbons Corporation is a public company with a share capital of eight billion CFAF wholly owned by the State of Cameroon. It is an industrial and commercial company with legal personality and financial autonomy. Created on 12 March 1980, its objectives are to promote and give value to the national mining domain and manage State interests in the hydrocarbons sector.

#### Activities:

- Promotion of the national mining domain;
- Negotiation of oil and gas contracts, in cooperation with the competent public administrations;
- Monitoring of the implementation of oil and gas contracts between the State and companies operating in the hydrocarbons sector;

- Exploitation of oil fields in association or sole risk;
- Marketing of the share of national hydrocarbons production accruing to the State, as allocated in the contracts;
- Implementation of gas projects aiming notably the increase of national electricity supply;
- Management of security stocks of petroleum products;
- Transfer to the Public Treasury, of income derived from the sale of crude oil, after deducting production costs, which finance the State budget;
- Conduct of studies and execution of various projects related to its missions in the oil, gas, parapetroleum, as well as related sectors.

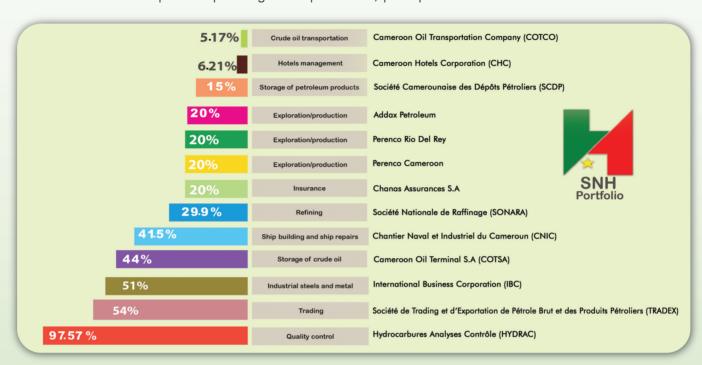
### SNH, a full oil operator

The putting on production of the Mvia field, located in the Douala/Kribi-Campo basin, in November 2013, confers the status of full oil operator to SNH. This field, which is the very first onshore concession in Cameroon, has been operated since 2009 by the Corporation, which did not get discouraged by its marginal nature.

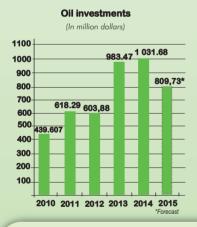
# in the hydrocarbons domain

### An expanding portfolio

As an expanding group, SNH has been diversifying its activities since 1994. Its portfolio includes 13 share companies operating in the petroleum, para-petroleum and related sectors.



# All promising indicators



Oil investments, which had been on a constant increase since 2010, have been affected by the drop in crude oil prices in 2015

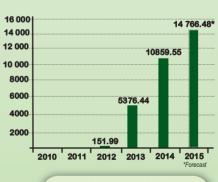
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National crude oil production

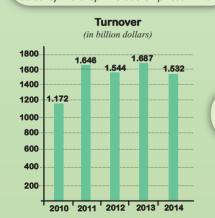
(in million barrels)

Oil production has been increasing since 2012

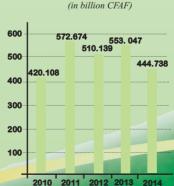
#### National natural gas production (in million SCF)



Gas production doubled between 2013 and 2014



Oil revenues account for nearly a quarter in the State budget



SNH transfers to the State

# Hydrocarbons, a sector

## **Prospective sedimentary basins**

In Cameroon, there are two mains types of sedimentary basins, which belong to three active African petroleum systems: Niger Delta, West African Salt Basins and Southern and Central Africa rifts. They include:

- the coastal sedimentary basins (Rio del Rey and Douala/Kribi-Campo), and
- the intracratonic basins (Logone Birni, Mamfe and Garoua).

These basins are still under-explored.



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### **Assets of the hydrocarbons sector**

### An attractive legislation

Cameroon's petroleum code provides for contractual, economic and tax incentives, in particular a reduction of corporation tax, depending on the project economics. The flexibility of the **petroleum code** gives room for the negotiation of two of the most recognised types of contracts in the industry: the Concession Contract (CC) and the Production Sharing Contract (PSC).

The **gas code**, which specifies the accounting, financial, tax and customs provisions applicable to activities related to the development of gas, also provides for tax incentives. In addition, it provides for:

- the concession system for transport and distribution activities:
- the license system for processing, storage, import and export activities;

- the authorisation scheme for the sale of gas, importation and installation of material and equipment intended for the commissioning of gas transportation and distribution networks, gas storage centres as well as measurement and safety equipment to be used by operators and customers.

### A database at the disposal of operators

SNH has a Petroleum Information Centre (PIC), which is in charge of:

• collecting, managing and archiving data acquired on the national mining domain. The PIC provides data on wells (samples, various reports, logs), geophysical data (seismic, gravimetric, magnetometric) and various technical studies available on paper and electronic medium.

• mapping (generating updated and digitalised maps). The PIC's expertise is acknowledged nationwide and internationally. As such, it has provided maps to many oil operators, Cameroonian ministries and bilateral commissions.

### **Reliable partners**

SNH partners with various international oil companies notably Glencore, Sterling, EurOil (a subsidiary of Bowleven), Noble Energy, Dana Petroleum, Addax Petroleum (a subsidiary of Sinopec), Kosmos Energy, Yan Chang, Perenco and Gaz du Cameroun (a subsidiary of Victoria Oil & Gas).





# Hydrocarbons, a sector

Exploration:
Intensified research
in a mining domain
still under-explored

# **Increasing oil investments**

Investments in exploration, concession appraisal and infill development stood at 1.03 billion USD in 2014, implying an increase of 4.9%. The constant rise of oil investments, since 2010, is an expression of the confidence and interest shown by investors in Cameroon's upstream petroleum sector, as well as the dynamism of SNH technical teams.

#### Increase in the level of oil reserves

17 exploration, appraisal and development wells were drilled in 2014. Though there was no new discovery, production tests in the Bolongo and Matanda Exclusive Exploration Licenses, following discoveries made in the past, produced positive results.

The level of remaining oil reserves in the producing fields and concessions has increased by 3.2%.

### Six unlicensed blocks on promotion

On 23 February 2015, SNH put on promotion six unlicensed blocks of the mining domain, covering a total surface area of 5899.34 km². These include Bakassi East, Bomana and Lungahe blocks in the Rio del Rey basin, Etinde Exploration and Elombo blocks in the Douala-Kribi-Campo basin, and Manyu block in the Mamfe basin. The related terms of references are available on the website www.snh.cm.

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# Production: Above 100 000 barrels per day once again

In 2015, the national production of crude oil exceeded the 100 000 barrels per day mark, a threshold that had not been reached again since 2002. Production had already seen an increase of 13.27% in 2014, to stand at 27.5 million barrels. This rise results particularly from the putting on production of new fields.

### Marketing: SNH's expertise acknowledged

SNH markets the share of national crude oil production accruing to the State, as well as its own production. SNH also sells Cameroonian crude oil on behalf of its partners, which testifies to the acknow-

ledgement of its marketing expertise. The reference crude oil for the sale of Cameroonian crude oil is Dated Brent, which is listed on the London Intercontinental Exchange.

#### Conditions to be fulfilled for the purchase of crude oil

- Full address of the company
- Name and nationalities of the main shareholders as well as senior managers of the company
- Certified balance sheets of the past three years
- Annual report of the past financial year
- Bank references (address, telex, fax, telephone) and contact persons in the banks.

#### Types of crude oil sold in Cameroon

Kole (29.74° API): 950 000 barrel cargoes Lokele (21.99° API): 650 000 barrel cargoes Ebome (37.86° API): 400 000 barrel cargoes









# Construction of a natural gas liquefaction plant

The Cameroon LNG project, carried out jointly by SNH and its Franco-Belgian partner Engie (ex-GDF Suez), involves the construction of a natural gas liquefaction plant in view of its exportation. The plant, which will have a capacity of up to 3.5 million tons per year, will be located in Mboro, 30 km south of the coastal town of Kribi. The plant will include a liquefied petroleum gas production unit.

# Construction of a chemical fertiliser plant

This project, conducted in partnership with German company Ferostaal, and whose studies are underway, aims an annual production of about 600 000 to 700 000 tons of ammonia and 100 000 to 200 000 tons of fertilisers, composed of urea, phosphate and potassium, intended for local and export markets. Its implementation should contribute to the agricultural revolution in Cameroon, advocated by President Paul Biya. The envisaged plant would be located in the coastal town of Limbe.

# The Cameroon Gas Association (CGA), a cooperation framework

The CGA was created in October 2005, at the instigation of SNH, in order to create a synergy, profitable to the development of national gas resources. It brings together all stakeholders of the sector in Cameroon (upstream and downstream).

#### Main objectives of the CGA:

• Seek all adequate means to promote the development of the gas industry in Cameroon, including exploration/production activities, supply, storage, transportation, distribution, construction as well as

operation of networks and facilities, manufacturing of materials and equipment;

- Contribute to the regulation, standardization and certification of the gas industry, in collaboration with national and /or international organisations;
- Maintain relations with similar Cameroonian or foreign groups and facilitate the exchange of information and ideas.

# SNH, a key player in

### **Environmental protection**

such activities on the environment and the mitigating measures envisaged for the preservation of the ecosystem balance.

SNH also promotes the reduction of gas flaring on oil platforms and their release into the atmosphere. In this regard, the company signed a partnership agreement with the World Bank for the funding of the Global Gas Flaring Reduction initiative (GGFR).

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strict compliance with legal pro-

visions in this domain. Therefore, all activities carried out by the company and its partners in the exploration and production of hydrocarbons are subject to a prior environmental impact assessment, which presents in particular the incidence of



SNH Vélo Club won the 2015 International Cycling Tour of Cameroon.





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# SNH: Management based on principles of good governance

SNH is a member of the National Committee for the follow-up and implementation of principles of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), which aims judicious use by governments, of revenues from the extractive sector.

The management of SNH is participatory and objective-oriented, following a guideline summarized in three watchwords:

- professionalism,
- integrity,
- sense of common interest.

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