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120 kilometers southwest of Casablanca, Khouribga is the largest OCP phosphate production zone. The mining site has three extraction areas. The deposit is sedimentary, and reserves are estimated at more than 25 billion cubic meters. Mining first began there in 1921 by the underground method, and exploratory operations began in 1951. It currently covers seven phosphate levels. The production capacity is 19 million tons per year.

Several recent highlights:

Mining:

- In the Sidi Chennane sector, registered tonnage reached a record high level (8.12 million tons, +18 percent compared to the previous 2007 record). The capacity of this mine will be increased after the construction of a new stone removal screening unit, as the T2 hopper is able to handle an annual tonnage of 7 million tons.
- The pipeline project is moving ahead according to plan.

Processing:

- The new Mrah Lahrach (MEA) washing plant was commissioned within the framework of OCP's industrial development program, and production of average-grade phosphate set a record at 2.4 million tons, which enabled a first-time shipment to Jorf Lasfar of a phosphate richer than any in 2010. Deposit mining has also re-opened in South Khouribga.

The Khouribga wastewater treatment service equipped with a cogeneration system has been commissioned.

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