# What Should Israel Do With Its Natural Gas?

# Economic Perspectives on End-Use

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#### Israel is a newcomer to NG

#### **Proven Reserves and Discoveries**

#### Natural Gas, Israel 2011



Proven reserves:	Estimated Size (BCM)		
Tamar	258		
Dalit	14		
Yam Tethys	7		
Others	2		
Total	281		
Other Discoveries	BCM		
Leviathan	480		
Dolphin	3		
Total	764		

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#### **Global Perspective, 2010**



# The global "norm" signals significant domestic opportunities for Israel's NG



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#### **Divergence of interests**

#### Domestic Consumers

#### **Exporters**

(ROI, strategic trading hubs, long term contracts etc)

#### What consumers want



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## I) Long Term Energy Security

#### **Typical NG exporter profiles,** 2010

			Gas Exporting Regions		
			S. &		Middle
	Glob	All	Cent.		East excl
	al	exporters	America	Africa	Israel
Proven Reserves,					
trillions cubic meters	187	98	7	15	76
Consumpton, BCM	3169	465	148	105	360
Net Production		831	161	209	461
Consumption/Production		56%	92%	50%	78%
Years left (Proven					
Consumption/Annual					
Consumption)	59	211	50	140	210

#### Israel's current profile does not appear to be a typical exporter

			Gas Exporting Regions		
	Global	All exporters	S. & Cent. America	Africa	Middle East excl Israel
Backing out average annual consumption rates by dividing generous 800 BCM reserves by the numbers of years	14 BCM pa i.e. <sup>800</sup> BCM/ 59 years	4 BCM Pa	16 BCM pa	6 BCM pa	4 BCM pa



*"Business As Usual"* 15 BCM pa consumption projected as soon as 2025 by Natural Gas Authority

## **II) Cheap Products**

#### Water

- Electricity generationmajor desalination cost
- National Water Carrier
  - Cost probably greater than desalination
  - Opportunity review replacing it with desalination and export surplus "Kineret" water to Jordan using existing infrastructure

#### Electricity

- Reexamine level of use of NG in the sector
  - Displace remaining oil save 1
    NIS billion /year

Fuel	2010 cost	Relative Cost	Replace oil with gas
	(million NIS)	IS/kWh	(million NIS)
Coal	3,116	0.09	3,116
Natural Gas	2,874	0.14	3,060
Diesel	1,098	1.31	-
Fuel oil	236	0.48	-
Total	7,324		6,177

 Maintain dual fuel capability in most generation capacity

#### **III) Competing Energy Sources**

Enjoys more than one fuel source

Monopolized by one fuel source



## **Oil Dependence- Global Issue**

- Oil- a monopoly transportation fuel
- Transportation drives commerce
- Commerce drives global economy
- => Oil has a monopoly on the global economy



Commerce Transport Oil

## Israel as a hub for Global Oil Alternative Technologies

www.iep.org.il/OACs

#### **Oil Alternatives Government Decision**

- 1. \$500 million, 10 years
- 2. Price Disruptive technologies
- 3. Government doesn't pick winners
- 4. Outstanding domestic resources
  - Academia
  - Industry
    - Engineering
    - Defense / Military
    - Automobile Parts
    - Metal & Industrial Equipment
    - Electronics

#### **IEP Database of OACs**







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## Fuel Switching from Oil- Long Term Benefits to Consumers

#### **IEA - Alarm Bells**

"Even if we were to assume that... the next 20 years of global oil demand growth was flat... we would have to find and develop 4 new Saudi Arabias....we have to leave oil before oil leaves us"

"The current price levels are on average higher than the awful year of 2008 and as such have the capacity to tip the global economy back into recession"

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#### Projected oil production estimates





Fatih Birol, Chief Economist, The International Energy Agency

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# Fuel Switching: \$ Speak

In 2010: Israel (+PA) imported \$8.6 billion of oil \$5 billion went to transportation (gasoline & diesel)

- Every BCM of NG used in transportation can potentially save Israel \$370 million every year on its crude oil bill
- The annual cost difference (\$3.6-2010 to 10.9 billion-2025) creates a huge margin for increasing NG profitability and investing in the required infrastructure

#### **Flex Fuel Vehicles- Lessons from Brazil**

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## Due to FFVs Brazilian is oil independent

- 2003: Brazil consumers started buying FFVs
- By 2009, as many km traveled on oil alternative fuel as gasoline
- Indications:
  - Overall fuel cost in Brazil dropped due to competition at the pump
  - Brazilian consumers are immune from oil price volatility

### 2012: ~10 million FFVs in Brazil from a fleet of ~25 million



## **FFVs benefit consumers**

#### Weakens dependence on expensive volatile oil



- 1. Enable incremental fleet build up at a variable pace
- Enable energy security through diversity of fuel supply
- A tool to break aftermarket monopolies by increasing competition and reducing costs to consumers

## Conclusions

- 1. PRIORITIZE: Implement domestic uses
- 2. FUEL SWITCHING: Replace most oil imports with NG and its derivatives. Reexamine the level of use of NG in the electricity sector. Reorganize the water sector using NG resources
- 3. <u>FUEL FLEXIBILITY</u>: Open the transportation market for competition in order to create certainty for investors. Introduce Flex Fuel

Vehicles.

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