



FLASH: Lebanon unveils list of companies eligible for the first licensing round for oil & gas exploration

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Caretaker Energy Minister Gebran Bassil held a press conference today, 18/04, to announce the list of companies that made it through the pre-qualification round and are eligible to participate in Lebanon’s first licensing round for offshore oil and gas exploration.

52 companies from 25 countries have submitted applications. Among these, 14 sought to qualify as operators and 38 as non-operators.

Below is a list of the 52 companies, indicating those that qualified and those that did not:

	Company	Applied to pre-qualify as	Status

Australia			
1	SANTOS	Non-operator	Qualified
Austria			
2	OMV	Non-operator	Qualified
Brazil			
3	Petrobras	Operator	Qualified
Canada			
4	Suncor	Non-operator	Qualified
China			
5	CNOOCIG	Not stated	Not qualified
Croatia			
6	INA	Non-operator	Qualified
Denmark			
7	Maersk	Operator	Qualified
France			
8	GDF Suez	Non-operator	Qualified
9	Total	Operator	Qualified

Hungary			
10	MOL Group E&P	Non-operator	Qualified
India			
11	ONGC	Non-operator	Qualified
12	Cairn India	Operator	Qualified as Non-operator
Iran			
13	National Iranian Drilling Corporation	Non-operator	Not qualified
Ireland			
14	Petroceltic	Non-operator	Qualified
15	Circle Oil PLC	Non-operator	Not qualified
Italy			
16	Edison	Non-operator	Qualified
17	ENI International	Operator	Qualified
Japan			
18	JAPEX	Non-operator	Qualified
19	JX Nippon	Non-operator	Qualified

20	Mitsui	Non-operator	Qualified
21	INPEX	Operator	Qualified
Korea			
22	KNOC	Non-operator	Qualified
23	KOGAS	Non-operator	Qualified
Kuwait			
24	KUFPEC	Non-operator	Qualified
Lebanon			
25	CC Energy	Non-operator	Qualified
Malaysia			
26	Petronas	Operator	Qualified
Netherlands			
27	Shell E&P	Operator	Qualified
Norway			
28	Statoil	Operator	Qualified
Russia			
29	Lukoil	Non-operator	Qualified

30	Novatec / GPB Global Resources	Non-operator	Qualified
31	Rosneft	Non-operator	Qualified
Spain			
32	Repsol	Operator	Qualified
Thailand			
33	PTT	Non-operator	Qualified
Turkey			
34	TPAO	Non-operator	Qualified
UAE			
35	Crescent (UAE) / Apex Gas (Lebanon)	Non-operator	Qualified
36	Crescent Petroleum	Non-operator	Qualified
37	Dana Gas	Non-operator	Qualified
38	Dragon Oil	Non-operator	Qualified
39	MOISS	Operator	Not qualified
40	Mubadala	Non-operator	Qualified
UK			

41	Cairn Energy	Non-operator	Qualified
42	Dana Petroleum	Non-operator	Qualified
43	Genel Energy	Non-operator	Qualified
44	Heritage Oil	Non-operator	Qualified
45	Ophir	Non-operator	Not qualified
46	SOCO	Non-operator	Qualified
USA			
47	Anadarko	Operator	Qualified
48	Chevron	Operator	Qualified
49	ExxonMobil	Operator	Qualified
50	Geopark / Petroleb	Non-operator	Qualified
51	Levantine Exploration	Non-operator	Not qualified
52	Marathon	Non-operator	Qualified

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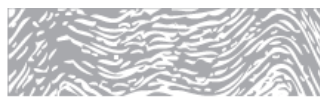


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