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Clients,*

Below you will find a brief report about the current bidding rounds of hydrocarbon areas of the Argentine Republic, as well as the identification of local regulations and local enforcement authorities.

In this report we have included the following provinces: Neuquén, Mendoza, La Pampa, Río Negro, Salta, Tierra del Fuego, Chubut, Santa Cruz and Jujuy.

We have also described the future off shore bidding round stewarded by the Federal Ministry of Energy.

## FEDERAL STATE

### **Enforcement Authority:**

Federal Ministry of Energy and Mining  
Engineer Juan Jose Aranguren  
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**Source:** <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/energiaymineria>

**Federal Hydrocarbons Law:** Law N° 17,319

PUBLIC AUCTION: THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT IS DESIGNING A PUBLIC AUCTION FOR THE AWARD OF OFF SHORE BLOCKS AT THE AUSTRAL / WEST MALVINAS AND NORTHERN PORTION OF THE ARGENTINA BASIN. THE ROUND IS EXPECTED TO BE LAUNCHED IN JULY 2018.

**Information on the vacant blocks and available geological information can be accessed here:** <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/el-minem-conformo-un-nuevo-banco-de-datos-de-hidrocarburos>

## PROVINCE OF NEUQUÉN

### **Enforcement Authority**

Hydrocarbons Secretariat  
Public Accountant Jose Gabriel Lopez  
Tel: 0299 – 449 4700

**Source:** <https://www.energianequen.gob.ar/>

### **Provincial Hydrocarbons Law**

Law N° 2.453, enacted on March 26, 2004.

### **Provincial State Owned Oil Company**

Gas y Petroleo del Neuquén S.A.

PUBLIC AUCTION: CURRENTLY, A QUARTERLY PUBLIC AUCTION FOR THE EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION OF HYDROCARBONS IS BEING TAKING PLACE IN THE BLOCKS IDENTIFIED IN THIS LINK: [http://www.gypnqn.com.ar/plan\\_exploratorio.html#](http://www.gypnqn.com.ar/plan_exploratorio.html#)

**THE BIDS MUST BE FILED WITH G&P DURING MAY 2018 (PENDING CONFIRMATION OF THE DATE).**

## PROVINCE OF MENDOZA

### Enforcement Authority:

Hydrocarbons Secretariat  
Engineer Santiago Fernández Herrero  
Tel: 0261-4238115

**Source:** [www.economia.wp1.mendoza.gov.ar/licitaciones](http://www.economia.wp1.mendoza.gov.ar/licitaciones)

### Provincial Hydrocarbons Law

Law N° 7526, enacted on April 19, 2006.

**Provincial State Owned Oil Company:** It does not have.

PUBLIC AUCTION: CURRENTLY, A PUBLIC AUCTION FOR THE EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION OF HYDROCARBONS IS BEING TAKING PLACE IN THE FOLLOWING BLOCKS:

Atuel Norte / Los Parlamentos / CN III Norte / Boleadero / Loma Cortaderal- Cerro Doña Juana / Ranquil Norte / CN VII-A / Chachahuén Oeste / Loma del Divisadero / Puesto Pozo Cercado Oriental / Puesto Pozo Cerrado Occidental.

THE BIDS MUST BE FILED WITHIN THE MONTHS OF MARCH AND APRIL OF 2018.

## PROVINCE OF LA PAMPA

### Enforcement Authority

Hydrocarbons Secretariat  
Geologist Juan José del Río  
Tel: 02954-387997

**Source:** [www.hidromineria.lapampa.gov.ar](http://www.hidromineria.lapampa.gov.ar)

### Provincial Hydrocarbons Law

Law N° 2675, enacted on November 6, 2012.

### Provincial State Owned Oil Company

Pampetrol S.A.P.E.M., created by Law N° 2225 enacted on December 15, 2005.

PUBLIC AUCTION: NO TENDERS IN PROGRESS.

## PROVINCE OF SALTA

### Enforcement Authority

Hydrocarbons Secretariat  
Jorge Porcelo  
Tel: 0387-437-3097/98

**Source:** [www.salta.gov.ar/organismos/ministerio-de-ambiente-y-desarrollo-sustentable/10](http://www.salta.gov.ar/organismos/ministerio-de-ambiente-y-desarrollo-sustentable/10)

### Provincial Hydrocarbons Law

It does not have.

### Provincial State Owned Oil Company

Recursos Energéticos y Mineros S.A. ("REMSA"). This company was created by the transformation of the state company "La Casualidad" into REMSA. on May 8, 2008. REMSA is a limited liability company which is wholly owned by the Province of Salta.

PUBLIC AUCTION: THE ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY EXPECTS TO TENDER THE FOLLOWING BLOCKS DURING MID-2018

Area	Superficie Aprox.
Algarrobal	9790 km2
Cuchuma	6 km2
Guayacan	7676 km2
Ipaguazu	184 km2
Las Cañitas	1766 km2
Lumbrera	2 km2
Ojo de Agua	9810 km2
Pinchamal	4052 km2
Pocoy	8785 km2
San Carlos	2884 km2
San Ignacio	7232 km2
Santa Rosa	6444 km2
San Telmo	380 km2
Tolar Grande	8785 km2
Yariguarenda	245 km2

## PROVINCE OF RÍO NEGRO

### Enforcement Authority:

Hydrocarbons Secretariat  
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02920-426795 (Viedma)

**Source:** [www.energia.rionegro.gov.ar](http://www.energia.rionegro.gov.ar)

### Provincial Hydrocarbons Law

It does not have.

### Provincial State Owned Oil Company

Empresa de Desarrollo Hidrocarburífero Provincial Sociedad Anónima (EDHIPSA).

PUBLIC AUCTION: TENDER IN PROGRESS.

CURRENTLY, THE PUBLIC AUCTION N° 01/2017 OF THE "CERRO MANRIQUE" BLOCK HAS JUST FINALIZED. MORE INFO AT: <http://www.energia.rionegro.gov.ar/index.php?contID=25074>.

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## PROVINCE OF TIERRA DEL FUEGO

### Enforcement Authority:

Hydrocarbons Secretariat  
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**Source:** [www.tierradelfuego.gov.ar](http://www.tierradelfuego.gov.ar)

### Provincial Hydrocarbons Law

It does not have.

**Provincial State Owned Oil Company:** Recursos Naturales S.A. (RENASA), created by Law N° 730, enacted on December 22, 2006.

PUBLIC AUCTION: CURRENTLY, A PUBLIC AUCTION IS BEING TAKING PLACE IN THE "ÁREA CA 12- BLOQUE 1" BLOCK, FOR THE EXPLORATIONS AND EVENTUAL EXPLOITATION OF THE BLOCK.

INRELATIONTOTHISBLOCK,APRIVATEWORKPROPOSAL HAS BEEN PRESENTED BY YPF; CONSEQUENTLY THE REMAINING OFFERS MUST INCREASE OVER 20% OF THE YPF PROPOSAL TO BE AWARDED.

THE BIDS MUST BE FILED ON MAY 2, 2018.

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## PROVINCE OF CHUBUT

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**Source:** [www.chubut.gov.ar/hidrocarburos/index.php?id=0](http://www.chubut.gov.ar/hidrocarburos/index.php?id=0)

### Provincial Hydrocarbons Law

Law N° XVII- 102, enacted on December 27, 2012.

### Provincial State Owned Oil Company

Petrominera Chubut Sociedad del Estado, created by Law N° 3422, issued on October 19, 1989.

PUBLIC AUCTION: CURRENTLY, A PUBLIC AUCTION IS BEING TAKING PLACE ON THE FOLLOWING BLOCKS: CAÑADÓN RAMÍREZ AND MATA MAGALLANES OESTE. THIS AUCTION INTENDS TO FIND A QUALIFIED COMPANY TO CREATE A JOINT VENTURE WITH PETROMINERA FOR THE EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION OF THE AFOREMENTIONED BLOCKS.

## PROVINCE OF SANTA CRUZ

### Enforcement Authority:

Hydrocarbons Secretariat  
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**Source:** <http://www.iesc.gov.ar/>

### Provincial Hydrocarbons Law

Law N° 2727, enacted on November 11, 2004, and amended by Law N° 3313, published on the Provincial Official Gazette on July 4, 2013.

### Provincial State Owned Oil Company

Fomento Minero de Santa Cruz Sociedad del Estado (FOMICRUZ), created by Law N° 2057 enacted on November 24, 1988.

PUBLIC AUCTION: CURRENTLY, A PUBLIC AUCTION FOR THE EXPLORATION AND EVENTUAL EXPLOITATION, IS BEING TAKING PLACE ON THE FOLLOWING BLOCKS:

TAPI AIKE / PASO FUHR / EL TURBIO / EL TURBIO OESTE.

AT THE SAME TIME, ANOTHER PUBLIC AUCTION IS BEING TAKING PLACE FOR THE EXPLORATION ON THE MESETA CERÓN CHICO BLOCK.

THE BIDDING SPECIFICATIONS CAN BE ACQUIRED IN THE ENERGY INSTITUTE OF RÍO GALLEGOS, PROVINCE OF SANTA CRUZ.

## PROVINCE OF JUJUY

### Enforcement Authority:

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**Source:** [www.mineriajujuy.gob.ar/site/index.php](http://www.mineriajujuy.gob.ar/site/index.php)

### Provincial Hydrocarbons Law

It does not have.

### Provincial State Owned Oil Company

Jujuy Energía y Minería Sociedad del Estado (JEMSE), created by Law N° 5675 enacted on April 14, 2011.

PUBLIC AUCTION: CURRENTLY, NO TENDERS FOR THE YEAR 2018 ARE PLANNED.

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