THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF

ALGERIA

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With an area of 2,381,741 square kilometers, this North African nation was the second largest country in Africa. About 80% of the country's area is desert; most of the population, estimated to be 31.7 million, lived in the northern coastal region (U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, 2002§¹). The International Monetary Fund (2002§) estimated that the Algerian gross domestic product was \$54.9 billion in 2001 compared with \$53.3 billion in 2000.

Despite the drop in the average price of Algerian crude oil to \$24.80 per barrel in 2001 from \$28.70 per barrel in 2000, natural gas and petroleum continued to dominate the minerals sector (Banque d'Algerie, undated§). Of the nonfuel minerals produced, helium, iron ore, marble, mercury, and phosphate rock were the most notable.

In 2000, the last year for which data were available, Algerian hydrocarbon exports (valued at \$21.05 billion) accounted for 97% of the value of total exports, which were estimated to be \$21.65 billion. Crude petroleum exports were valued at \$4.8 billion; other exports included condensate (liquids at surface pressure and temperature that were recovered as coproducts of natural gas production), \$4.0 billion; natural gas (by pipeline), \$3.5 billion; liquified natural gas, \$3.3 billion; refined petroleum products, \$3.3 billion; and liquified petroleum gas, \$2.1 billion (Callier, Abdallah, and Joly, 2001, p. 36). In 2001, Algeria ranked 11th on the list of countries from which the United States imported crude oil and petroleum products. Most of the imports were petroleum products, as Algeria only ranked 21st on the list of countries that supplied crude oil to the United States (U.S. Energy Information Administration, 2002).

The country's recent history of terrorist violence continued to adversely affect some international interest in the nation's mineral industry (U.S. Department of State, 2001§).

Government Policies and Programs

The evolution of the Algerian minerals sector continued in 2001 with the initial gold production from the Tirek Mine. On July 3, the Government published the new mining law (loi No. 01-10). A new electricity law was promulgated in 2001, and a new hydrocarbon law was being debated.

The Government proposed to manage the minerals sector through two organizations (the Agence Nationale du Patrimoine Minier and the Agence Nationale du Controle des Mines) created by the new mining law. In 2001, the state divested 70% of its interest in the El-Hadjar steel and other associated operations of Société Algérienne de Fabrication Sidérurgique (ALFASID) and continued the reorganization of the stateowned oil and gas company Société Nationale pour la

Recherche, la Production, le Transport, la Transformation, et la Commercialisation des Hydrocarbures (SONATRACH).

Although numerous mineral deposits had been identified by the Office National de la Recherche Géologique et Minière (ORGM), many were deemed to be uneconomic when discovered, because they were located in remote areas that lacked infrastructure or the state mining enterprises to which the deposits were assigned were unable to secure Government funding for development (Ministère de l'Energie et des Mines, undated§). To promote the development of some of the small and medium mineral deposits, the Government held two additional divestment rounds during 2001 that offered domestic and international investors the opportunity to acquire mining titles to the deposits. By yearend, investors had acquired development or exploration permits on 132 properties. The state separately solicited bids for the rights to develop the Djebel-Aberraz diamond, the Tiririne-Hanane gold, and the Oued-Amizour lead-zinc deposits. Ten additional blocks were offered for petroleum exploration.

Structure of the Mineral Industry

Subsidiaries of the Ministère de l'Energie et des Mines (M.E.M.) remained involved in most mineral production. The Ministère de l'Industrie et de la Restructuration (M.I.R.) was responsible for the private and public construction material and mineral product sectors, which included brick, cement, glass, lime, steel, and refined zinc operations. International participation in the Algerian mineral industry was primarily by oil companies operating under contract in association with SONATRACH.

Government organizations involved in the mineral sector included the M.E.M.'s ORGM, which was responsible for geologic and mining research. National enterprises within the M.I.R. included the Entreprise des Ciments et Dérivés du Centre, the Entreprise des Ciments et Dérivés d'Ech, the Enterprise des Ciments et Derives de l'Est, the Entreprise des Ciments et Dérivés de l'Ouest, the Enterprise Nationale de Métallurgie et de Transformation des Métaux Non Ferreux (METANOF), and the Groupe Industriel Sider.

The mineral production section of the M.E.M. included the ASMIDAL group, the Entreprise d'Exploitation, Commercialisation et Exportation du Fer et du Phosphate s.p.a. (FERPHOS), the Enterprise Nationale d'Exploitation des Carrières de Sels Industriels et Domestiques et Commercialisation des Sels s.p.a., the Entreprise Nationale des Produits Miniers Non Ferreux & des Substances Utiles, s.p.a, and the Entreprise Nationale d'Extraction, Transformation, Production et Commercialisation du Marbre et de Dérivés de Marbre s.p.a. In addition to the M.E.M.'s national companies, more than 1,300 small private companies and local public

¹References that include a section twist (§) are found in the Internet References Cited section.

enterprises were authorized to produce aggregates, clay, gypsum, marble, or salt.

The M.E.M.'s hydrocarbon branch included SONATRACH, Société Nationale de Raffinage de Pétrole-NAFTEC s.p.a. (NAFTEC), Société Nationale de Commercialisation et de Distribution de Produits Pétroliers-NAFTAL s.p.a., and Société Nationale de l'Electricité et du Gaz (SONELGAZ). SONATRACH subsidiaries included Cogiz s.p.a., which was the state's helium and nitrogen distribution company, and Helios s.p.a. In 2001, Algerian Energy Co. (a joint venture of SONATRACH and SONELGAZ) was created to handle exports of Algerian electricity.

Commodity Review

Metals

Gold.—The plant at the Tirek Mine, which was operated by Société d'Exploitation des Mines d'Or s.p.a., processed about 200 metric tons per day of ore to recover about 800 kilograms per year of gold (Mining Journal, 2002).

Steel.— LNM Holdings N.V. of the Netherlands Antilles acquired 70% equity interest in ALFASID; the Groupe Industriel Sider retained 30% interest. The new steel company was named Ispat Annaba s.p.a. Voest-Alpine Industrieanlagenbau GmbH & Co. of Austria continued work on the rehabilitation of the hot strip mill at Ispat Annaba's El Hadjar works that had been contracted for prior to the sale of the steelworks. LNM Holdings also acquired 70% equity interest in the Boukhrada and Ouenza iron ore mines from FERPHOS and renamed the new iron ore company Ispat Tebessa.

Zinc.—In March, Breakwater Resources Ltd. of Canada withdrew from its negotiations to acquire the Oued Amizour zinc project. The zinc development project was reoffered to domestic and international investors later in the year.

Mineral Fuels

SONATRACH reported that 37 exploration and 133 development wells were drilled in 2001, which resulted in six new hydrocarbon discoveries (three oil and three condensate and natural gas wells). SONATRACH signed 10 new exploration and development contracts with foreign partners. The partners will be required to make minimum expenditures of \$200 million to maintain the contracts (Société Nationale pour la Recherche, la Production, le Transport, la Transformation, et la Commercialisation des Hydrocarbures, 2002§).

NAFTEC solicited bids for the rehabilitation of the 75,000-barrel-per-day-capacity In Anemas refinery that had closed in 1986 and for the construction of an additional crude oil refinery in the Adrar region (Africa Energy Intelligence, 2001).

The Government planned to increase natural gas exports to 85 billion cubic meters per year by 2005 compared with estimated exports of 62 billion cubic meters in 2000 (Petroleum Economist, 2002). In 2001, work on the \$2.7 billion development of the In Salah gasfields continued. British

Petroleum plc, which was paying 65% of the development costs, and SONATRACH (35%) proposed to produce 9 billion cubic meters per year from the Garat el-Bafinat, Gour Mahmoud, Hassi Moumene, In Salah, Krechba, Reg, and Teguentour Fields. Initial production was scheduled for mid-2004 (Middle East Economic Digest, 2001b).

A 27-month, \$93 million contract to expand the capacity of the Pedro Duran Farell pipeline (which was formerly known as the Maghreb-Europe pipeline) to 11 billion cubic meters per year from 8 billion cubic meter per year was awarded to ABB Group of Switzerland (Middle East Economic Digest, 2001a). Studies of the proposed Medgaz gas pipeline from Algeria to Spain progressed during 2001, and a feasibility study for electricity exports to Spain was begun. A \$5 billion to \$7 billion, 4,000-kilometer (km) gas pipeline was proposed to be built from Nigeria to Algeria to facilitate export of Nigerian gas to Europe (Oil & Gas Journal, 2001). At yearend, a feasibility study on a second natural gas pipeline from Algeria to Italy was initiated.

Additional information on the energy situation in Algeria is available from the U.S. Department of Energy Web site at URL http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/cabs/algeria.html.

Infrastructure

SONELGAZ had an installed electricity generating capacity of 5,922 megawatts (Richards, 2001). Thermal plants (diesel, natural gas, and oil fired) accounted for about 99.8% of the electricity generated. Algeria's railroad system, which totaled 4,060 km of track, and its road network, which covered more than 90,000 km, primarily served the northern section of the country and supported long-established mining and other export-oriented industries.

With the closure of the GK2 gas pipeline from Hassi R'Mel to Skikda, there was about 12,700 km of pipeline that served the hydrocarbon industries within Algeria. Three crude oil pipelines ran north to Skikda, Bejaia, and Arzew from Hassi Messaoud in the southeast. The focus of the natural gas pipeline network was Hassi R'Mel, from which pipelines were connected to liquefaction facilities at Arzew and Skikda. Hassi R'Mel also was the gathering point for natural gas exports to southern Europe by means of the 24-billion-cubic-meter-peryear-capacity 2,340-km Enrico Mattei pipeline (which was formerly the Trans-Mediterranean or Transmed pipeline) that extended from Algeria northeastward through Tunisia and under the Mediterranean Sea to Sicily and the Italian mainland and by the 1,845-km Pedro Duran Farell pipeline that traversed northwestwards through Algeria and across Morocco and the Straits of Gibraltar to Spain (ENI S.p.A., 2000§).

Outlook

Owing to its location close to Europe (which was the major market for its minerals), its known undeveloped and inferred hydrocarbon deposits, its functional infrastructure, and the opening of the mineral industry to foreign investment, Algeria is expected to be of increased interest to international companies. Occurrences of base and precious metals and industrial minerals in Algeria could entice international mineral exploration and

development organizations to evaluate their development potential. The Government's interest in reducing the mineral economy's dependence on oil and gas could add incentives to the nonfuel mineral sector. Recurrent guerilla activity remained a deterrent to investors (Drummond, 2001; Mining Journal, 2000).

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TABLE 1 ALGERIA: PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES 1/

(Metric tons unless otherwise specified)

| Commodity 2/3/ | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 e/ |
|--|---------------|---------------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| METALS | | | | | |
| Cadmium, refined e/ | . 75 | 70 | 10 r/ | 10 r/ | 10 |
| Gold kilograms | | | | | 300 |
| Iron and steel: | • | | | | |
| Iron ore, gross weight thousand tons | 1,637 | 1,783 | 1,336 | 1,645 | 1,500 |
| Metal: | | | | | |
| Pig iron e/ do. | 700 | 700 | 500 | 400 | 400 |
| Steel, crude do. | 427 | 400 e/ | 758 | 842 | 850 |
| Lead: | , | .00 0 | 750 | 0.2 | 000 |
| Concentrate, Pb content | 845 | 730 | 1,215 | 818 | 900 |
| Metal, refined e/ | 8,000 | 7,000 | 5,700 r/ | 6,100 r/ | 6,000 |
| Mercury kilograms | 447,034 | 223,965 | 240,327 | 215,625 | 220,000 |
| Silver e/ do. | 1,600 | 1,500 | 1,400 | 1,400 | 1,700 |
| Zinc: | . 1,000 | 1,500 | 1,400 | 1,400 | 1,700 |
| | 2 (00 | 4.555 | 0.000 | 10.452 | 12 000 |
| Concentrate, Zn content | 3,690 | 4,555 | 9,808 | 10,452 | 12,000 |
| Metal, smelter output e/ | 29,300 | 31,000 | 32,200 r/ | 34,000 | 34,000 |
| INDUSTRIAL MINERALS | | | | | |
| Barite, crude | 39,140 | 37,006 | 50,510 | 51,925 | 52,000 |
| Cement, hydraulic 4/ thousand tons | 7,000 | 7,500 | 7,500 e/ | 8,300 e/ | 8,300 |
| Clays: | | | | | |
| Bentonite | 17,657 | 15,655 | 15,491 | 22,708 | 21,286 5/ |
| Fuller's earth | 3,960 | 3,942 | 2,489 | 3,431 | 3,500 |
| Kaolin | 18,533 | 13,640 | 16,833 | 11,616 | 11,500 |
| Diatomite | 2,332 | 2,133 | 2,563 | 2,500 e/ | 2,500 |
| Feldspar e/ | 7,000 | 7,000 | 2,820 5/ | 707 5/ | |
| Gypsum e/ 6/ thousand tons | 275 | 275 | 1,316 5/ | 1,341 5/ | 1,350 |
| Helium, liquid e/ million cubic meters | . 15 | 16 | 16 5/ | 10 | 17 |
| Lime, hydraulic e/ | 65,000 | 65,000 | 76,000 | 96,000 | 100,000 |
| Marble | 702,000 | 732,000 | 665,000 e/ | 700,000 e/ | 700,000 |
| Nitrogen, N content of ammonia 7/ | 379,400 | 350,200 | 455,400 | 457,900 r/ | 458,000 |
| Phosphate rock: | 377,400 | 330,200 | 433,400 | 437,700 17 | 450,000 |
| Gross weight thousand tons | 1,063 | 1,155 | 1,096 | 877 | 900 |
| | 330 | 358 | 340 | 265 | 280 |
| P2O5 content e/ do. | | | | | |
| Salt, brine and sea salt | 137,317 | 172,025 | 163,748 | 182,000 | 185,000 |
| Sulfur, elemental e/ | 23,000 | 23,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| MINERAL FUELS AND RELATED MATERIALS | | | | | |
| Gas, natural: | | | | | |
| Gross million cubic meters | 125,012 | 125,971 | 128,783 | 139,499 | 140,000 |
| Dry 8/ do. | 97,458 | 96,873 | 97,151 | 100,092 | 105,000 |
| Natural gas plant liquids thousand 42-gallon barrels | 69,000 | 77,200 | 85,411 | 95,619 | 95,000 |
| Petroleum: | | | | | |
| Crude including condensate do. | 466,105 | 454,750 | 457,158 | 476,288 | 475,000 |
| Refinery products: | | | | | |
| Liquefied petroleum gas do. | 6,200 e/ | 6,100 e/ | 6,191 | 6,322 | 6,000 |
| Gasoline do. | 17,313 | 17,836 | 20,310 | 17,964 | 17,500 |
| Naphtha do. | 33,233 | 31,688 | 32,757 | 32,124 | 32,000 |
| Kerosene and jet fuel e/ do. | 8,000 | 8,000 | 10,428 5/ | 12,458 5/ | 12,500 |
| Distillate fuel oil do. | 48,661 | 46,245 | 48,132 | 44,820 | 44,500 |
| Lubricants do. | 686 | 728 | 777 | 770 | 750 |
| Residual fuel oil do. | 37,002 | 33,753 | 37,842 | 36,803 | 36,000 |
| Other e/ do. | 2,500 | 2,000 | 2,884 5/ | 3,044 5/ | 2,500 |
| | · | 2,000 146.000 e/ | | | |
| Total do. e/Estimated: estimated data are rounded to no more than three six | 154,000 e/ | - , | 159,321 | 154,305 | 152,000 |

e/ Estimated; estimated data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown. r/ Revised. -- Zero.

^{1/} Table includes data available through September 20, 2002.

^{2/} In addition to the commodities listed, secondary aluminum, coke, secondary lead, and secondary copper may be produced in small quantities, and crude construction materials are produced for local consumption, but output is not reported and available information is inadequate to make estimates of production levels.

^{3/} In addition to the commodities listed, about 700 metric tons per year of caustic soda had been estimated to be produced.

^{4/} Erroneous cement units (metric tons instead of thousand tons) were used in previous Algeria production tables published during the the period 1997 to 2000.

^{5/} Reported figure.

^{6/} Includes about 50,000 metric tons per year of plaster.

^{7/} Additional nitrogen was produced by Helios s.p.a., the helium liquids production company. In 1999, the last year for which data are available, Helios produced more than 68,000 42-gallon barrels of liquid nitrogen and 14 million cubic meters of gaseous nitrogen.

^{8/} Excludes gas used in reinjection, flaring, venting, and transmission losses.

${\bf TABLE~2}$ ALGERIA: STRUCTURE OF THE MINERAL INDUSTRY IN 2001

(Metric tons unless otherwise specified)

| Commodity | Commodity Major operating companies and major equity owners | | Annual capacity |
|---|--|--|-----------------|
| Ammonia | Le Groupe ASMIDAL | Location of main facilities Alzofert Plant, Arzew | 660,000 |
| Do. | do. | Fertial Plant, Annaba | 330,000 |
| Bentonite | Entreprise Nationale des Produits Miniers Non Ferreux & des | Boughara, Maghnia, M'Zila, and | NA |
| Bentonic | Substances Utiles, s.p.a. | Salah Bouchaour | 1471 |
| Cadmium | Société Algérienne du Zinc (Enterprise Nationale de Métallurgie et de | Ghazaouet | 200 |
| Cement | Transformation des Métaux Non Ferreux, 100%) Société des Ciments d'Aïn-Touta (Enterprise des Ciments et Derives de | Aïn Touta | 1,000,000 |
| | l'Est, 100%) | | |
| Do. | Société des Ciments d'Aïn-Kébira (Enterprise des Ciments et Derives de l'Est, 100%) | Aïn-Kébira | 1,000,000 |
| Do. | Société des Ciments de Hamma-Bouziane (Enterprise des Ciments et Derives de l'Est, 100%) | Hamma-Bouziane | 1,000,000 |
| Do. | Société des Ciments de Hadjar Soud (Enterprise des Ciments et Derives de l'Est, 100%) | Bekkouche | 900,000 |
| Do. | Société des Ciments de Tébessa (Enterprise des Ciments et Derives de l'Est, 100%) | Tébessa | 525,000 |
| Do. | Entreprise des Ciments et Dérivés du Centre | Meftah | 1,000,000 |
| Do. | do. | Sour-El-Ghoziane | 1,000,000 |
| Do. | do. | Raïs-Hamidou | 400,000 |
| Do. | Entreprise des Ciments et Dérivés d'Ech | Chlef | 2,000,000 |
| Do. | Entreprise des Ciments et Dérivés de l'Ouest | Zahana | 1,200,000 |
| Do. | do. | Beni-Saf | 1,000,000 |
| Do. | do. | Saïda | 500,000 |
| Coke | Ispat Annaba s.p.a. 1/ (LNM Holdings N.V., 70%) | El Hadjar | 1,200,000 |
| Copper, cathode | Société Algérienne du Zinc (Enterprise Nationale de Métallurgie et de | Ghazaouet | NA |
| 5 1 | Transformation des Métaux Non Ferreux, s.p.a., 100%) | | 2.000 |
| Diatomite | Entreprise Nationale des Produits Miniers Non Ferreux & des Substances Utiles, s.p.a. | Mascara | 3,000 |
| Fertilizers | 7 1 | | |
| Nitrogen | Le groupe ASMIDAL | Alzofert Plant, Arzew | 495,000 |
| Do. | do. | Fertial Plant, Annaba | 330,000 |
| Phosphatic 2/ | do. | Fertial Plant, Annaba | 915,000 |
| Gold, mine output kilograms | Société d'Exploitation des Mines d'Or s.p.a. (Société Nationale du Pétrol et Gaz, 34.12%; Banque d'Algerie, 33.78%; Société Nationale d'Assurance, 17.57%; Entreprise Nationale des Produits Miniers Non Ferreux & des Substances Utiles, s.p.a., 10%) | Tirek | 800 |
| Gypsum | Unité Chaux de Chettaba (Société des Produits Dérivés de l'Est, 100%) | Chettaba | 200,000 |
| Iron ore | Ispat Tebessa 3/ (LNM Holdings N.V., 70%) | Boukhrada | 1,000,000 |
| Do. | do. | Ouenza | 3,600,000 |
| Helium | Helios s.p.a. (Sonatrach Valorisation Hydrocarbons, 51%) | GI2Z complex, Arzew | NA |
| Liquefield natural gas million | Société Nationale pour la Recherche, la Production, le Transport, la | GL2Z complex, Bethioua | 17.8 4/ |
| cubic meters | Transformation et la Commercialisation des Hydrocarbures, Sonatrach | CEEE completi, Beamoun | 17.0 . |
| Do. do. | do. | GL1Z complex, Bethioua | 17.5 4/ |
| Do. do. | do. | GL1K complex, Skikda | 11.2 4/ |
| Do. do. | do. | GL4Z complex, Arzew | 2.0 4/ |
| Liquefied petroleum barrels gas (LPG) and natural | do. | GP1Z complex, Arzew | 500,000 |
| gas liquids 5/ | 4. | I DC compression weit II: DB f 1 | 220.000 |
| Do. do. | do. | LPG separation unit, Hassi R'Mel | 330,000 |
| Do. do. | do. | LPG separation unit, Rhourde Nouss | 122,000 |
| Do. do. | do. | LPG separation unit, Adrar | 92,000 |
| Do. do. | do. | GP2Z complex, Arzew | 110,000 |
| Do. do. | do. | GL1K complex, Skikda | 84,000 |
| Do. do. | do. | GL2Z complex, Bethioua | 84,000 |
| Do. do. | do. | GL1Z complex, Bethioua | 13,000 |
| Do. do. | do. Société Nationale de Poffinace de Pétrole NAETEC a p.e. | GL4Z complex, Arzew | 2,000 |
| Do. do. | Société Nationale de Raffinage de Pétrole NAFTEC s.p.a. | RA1K refinery, Skikda | 3,600 |
| Lime | E.R.C.O. (Société des Produits Dérivés de l'Ouest, 100%) L'aité Chour de Chattaba (Société des Produits Dérivés de l'Est. 100%) | NA Chattaha | 100,000 |
| Do. Marble | Unité Chaux de Chettaba (Société des Produits Dérivés de l'Est, 100%) Entreprise Nationale d'Extraction, Transformation, Production et | Chettaba Quarries at Bensekrane, Filfila, | 8,100 |
| | Commercialisation du Marbre et de Dérivés de Marbre s.p.a. | Ghazaouet, and Oum El Assel | NA |
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TABLE 2--Continued ALGERIA: STRUCTURE OF THE MINERAL INDUSTRY IN 2001

(Metric tons unless otherwise specified)

| MarbleContinued: Entreprise Nati | | Major operating companies and major equity owners | Location of main facilities | Annual capacity |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|---|--|-----------------|
| | | Entreprise Nationale d'Extraction, Transformation, Production et Commercialisation du Marbre et de Dérivés de Marbre s.p.a. | Processing plants at Guelma, Oran, Sig, and Skikda | NA |
| Mercury | kilograms | Entreprise Nationale des Produits Miniers Non Ferreux & des Substances Utiles, s.p.a. | Ismail and M'Rasma Mines, near Azzaba | 450,000 |
| Methanol | | ENIP s.p.a. (Holding SONATRACH Raffinage et Chimie des Hydrocarbures, 100%) | Methanol plant, Arzew | 100,000 |
| Natural gas | million cubic meters | Société Nationale pour la Recherche, la Production, le Transport, la Transformation et la Commercialisation des Hydrocarbures, Sonatrach | Numerous gasfields, including Adrar, Hamra, Hassi R'Mel, and Sbaa | 86,000 |
| Do. | do. | TFT Grouping | Tin Fouye Tabankort Field | 7,300 |
| Petroleum, crude t | 42-gallon parrels per day | Société Nationale pour la Recherche, la Production, le Transport, la Transformation et la Commercialisation des Hydrocarbures, Sonatrach | About 50 oilfields, including Acheb West, Amassak/Tin-Yaguene, Draa Tamra, Edjeleh, El Borma, El Gassi, Gassi-Touil East, Guellala, Hassi Messaoud North and South, Ohanet North, Rhourde El Baguel, Tin-Fouye, and Zarzaitine | 780,000 |
| Petroleum product | is do. | Société Nationale de Raffinage de Pétrole-NAFTEC s.p.a. | RA1K refinery, Skikda | 300,000 |
| Do. | do. | do. | RA1G refinery, Algers | 60,000 |
| Do. | do. | do. | RA1Z refinery, Arzew | 60,000 |
| Do. | do. | Société Nationale pour la Recherche, la Production, le Transport, la Transformation et la Commercialisation des Hydrocarbures, Sonatrach | RHM refinery, Hassi-Messaoud | 30,000 |
| Phosphate rock | | Entreprise de'Exploitation, Commercialisation et Exportation du Fer at du Phosphate s.p.a. | Djebel Onk | 700,000 |
| Salt, refined | | Enterprise Nationale d'Exploitation des Carrières de Sels Industriels et Domestiques et Commercialisation des Sels s.p.a. | El Outaya refinery, Biskra | 50,000 |
| Salt, rock | | do. | El Outaya, Biskra | NA |
| Salt, solar | | do. | Béthioua, Oran; El Méghaïer, El Oued, Guergour Lamri, Sétif Ouled Zouaï, Oum el Bouaghi, and Sidi Bouziane, Relizane | 300,000 |
| Steel | | Ispat Annaba s.p.a. 1/ (LNM Holdings N.V., 70%; and Groupe Industriel Sider 30%) | Blast furnaces at El Hadjar, Annaba | 1,400,000 |
| Do. | | do. | Electric arc furnace at Hadjar, Annaba | 400,000 |
| Do. | | do. | Hot strip mill at El Hadjar, Annaba | 1,320,000 |
| Do. | | do. | Cold rolling mill at El Hadjar, Annaba | 700,000 |
| Do. | | do. | Bar and wire rod mill at El Hadjar, Annaba | 540,000 |
| Do. | | do. | Seamless tube mill at El Hadjar, Annaba | 100,000 |
| Do. | | Entreprise Nationale de Tubes et de Transformation de Produits Plats (Groupe Industriel Sider, 100%) | Welded tube plant at Ghardaia | 128,000 |
| Do. | | Société Algérienne de Fabrication Tubes en Spirale (Groupe Industriel Sider, 100%) | Welded tube plant at El Hadjar, Annaba | 70,000 |
| Sulfuric acid | | Société Algérienne du Zinc (Enterprise Nationale de Métallurgie et de Transformation des Métaux Non Ferreux, 100%) | Ghazaouet | 70,000 |
| Urea | | Fertalge s.p.a. | Arzew | 360,000 6/ |
| Zinc, metal | | Société Algérienne du Zinc (Enterprise Nationale de Métallurgie et de Transformation des Métaux Non Ferreux, 100%) | Ghazaouet | 30,000 |
| NA Not available | | | | |

NA Not available.

- 1/ Prior to the October 1 partial privitization of the Government's interest, the company was known as Groupe Industriel Sider (ALFASID).
- 2/ Capacity includes 550,000 metric tons per year compound fertilizer [nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium (NPK) or phosphorus and potassium (PK)] or tripple superphosphate (TSP), and 365,000 t/yr single superphosphate (SSP).
- 3/ Prior to the partial privitization of the Government's interest, the company was wholly owned by the Entreprise de'Exploitation, Commercialisation et Exportation du Fer et du Phosphate.
- 4/ One cubic meter of liquified natural gas is equivalent to 584 cubic meters of natural gas. Natural-gas-equivalent capacities (in billions of cubic meters) were GL2Z-10.4, GL1Z-10.2, GL1K--6.5, and GL4Z--1.1.
- 5/ Output includes butane, isobutane, natural gasoline, and propane.
- 6/ Under construction.