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Abstracts

Strategic Analysis (SA) at the Henry Jackson Society (HJS) has just released its MENA Oil and Gas Sector Risks and Forecasts Report as well as Individual Country Risk and Forecast Reports. The Lebanon report utilises a high-profile network with a detailed knowledge of the region. This is something that will benefit individuals within the legal, financial services, energy, banking, consultancy and infrastructure sectors.

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Executive Summary

Mauritania offers attractive prospects for foreign oil companies. The country has proven hydrocarbon basins, both offshore in the Cotier Basin and onshore in the Taoudeni Basin, but remains largely unexplored. While the country is an inexperienced democracy, relative political stability following democratic elections in 2009 has prompted renewed foreign investment in the mining and hydrocarbon sectors. Mauritania is facing risks such as operational risks as well as security risks with the growing threat of AQIM in the region.

This individual country report provides updates on Mauritania's developing gas industry in the first quarter of 2013. On-going political, security, and operational risks are presented with a short and long term forecast of risks to investment.



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