**MOROCCAN OIL SHALE - RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**

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**INTRODUCTION**

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Results from previous tests and studies constitute a large base data for the Moroccan future projects. The world is faced now to an urgent need for developing alternative sources of liquid fuel: The oil shale constitute such alternative, To minimize technical & financial risks, commercial projects should be preceded by a pilot plant and a demonstration phases. The demonstration plant must fix the real scale factor. The feasibility of by-products such as electricity, cement, sulfur and other chemicals production should be also evaluated in the demonstration phase. Future of the oil shale industry will be secured by the added value due to the different chemicals valorization such as sulfur.