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# Geothermal Energy in Chile



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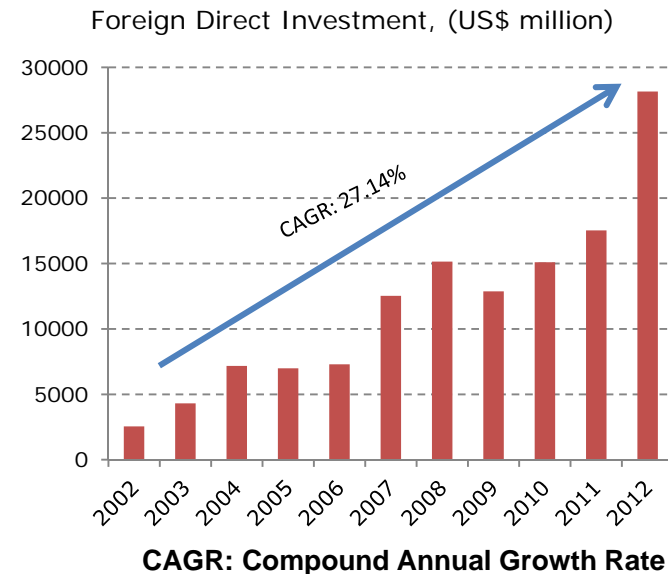
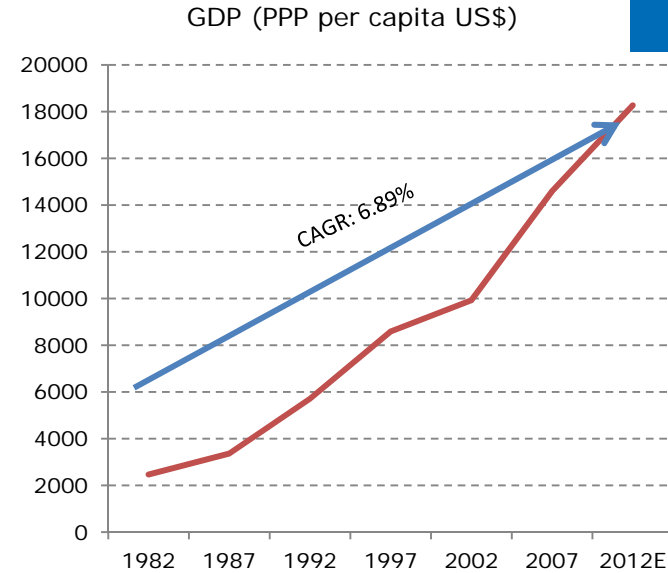
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# Chilean Energy Sector

## Macroeconomic Overview



- Last 30 years, the Chilean economy has had exceptional performances, and became a member of the OECD in 2010.
- Up to 2013, Chile has signed free trade and tax agreements with over 60 and 25 countries, respectively.
- Poverty was reduced from 50% in 1975 to 11% in 2012.
- Public debt was controlled and systematically reduced.
- In October 2012, the Chilean government issued US\$ 1,500 million of debt in bonds at the best conditions an emerging economy has ever achieved:
  - 10 year bond was issued at a record 2.38% annual rate.
  - 30 year bond was issued at 3.71% annual rate.



# Chilean Energy Sector

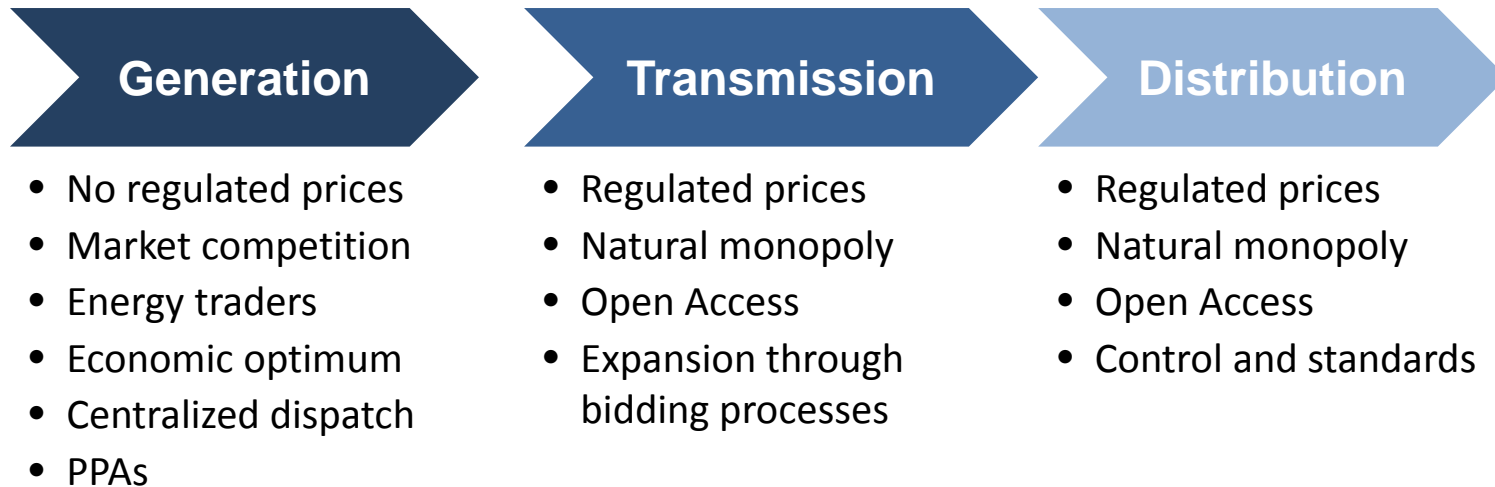
## Energy Policy



- The basic principles of the present energy policy were defined in Chile in the early eighties.
- Objective: meeting energy demand at the least cost through the operation of competitive (private) energy markets, with a subsidiary role of the State.
- The concepts of diversification and reliability of supply were fostered in 2005 following the natural gas supply curtailments that Argentina started to apply in 2004.

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### Electricity Market



# Chilean Electric System



## Northern Interconnected System (SING)

Installed Capacity: 3.8 GW  
Peak Demand (2012): 2.2 GW  
100% Thermal:

49% Coal  
42% natural gas  
9% Oil

Demand: 85% Mining Industry

## Central Interconnected System (SIC)

Installed Capacity: 13.5 GW  
Peak Demand (2012): 7.2 GW  
53% Thermal  
42% Hydro  
5% Renewable

74% of the national demand  
92% of population  
76% of PIB

## Aysén

-Installed Capacity 50 MW

## Magallanes

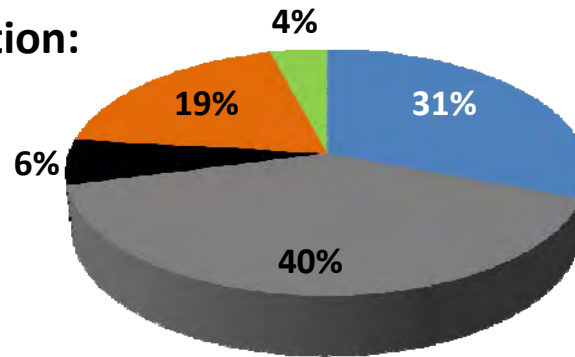
-Installed Capacity 100 MW



# Electricity generation by fuel - 2012

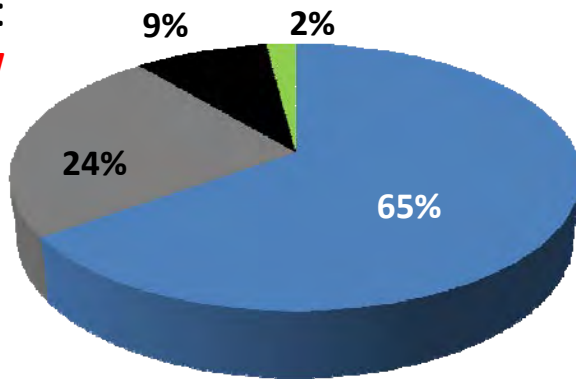


Electricity production:  
**65.6 TWh**

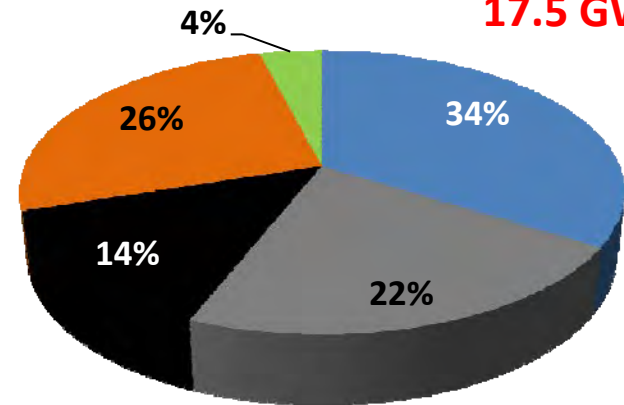


## Installed capacity

1996:  
**6 GW**



2012:  
**17.5 GW**



■ Hydro (>20MW) ■ Coal ■ Oil ■ Natural Gas ■ Renewables



# Renewable Energy Opportunities



Chile possesses a unique combination of quality and diversity in its renewable energy potential:

- The Atacama desert receives more annual solar radiation than any other place on earth with a clearest sky.
- Chile has excellent areas for wind energy development.
- Chile is located in a region of the world that has intense seismic and volcanic activity known as the “ring of fire”.
- Chile’s coast stretches 2,653 miles along the pacific, making it a prime candidate for marine energy.
- Chile has the potential to develop large amount of small hydropower from the central to southern regions.
- Rich in bioenergy waste from farming and forestry.

**Renewable Energy Potential**

Resource	Gross Potential (GW)
Small hydro	23
Bioenergy	10
Wind	40
Geothermal	16
Solar	228
Marine	164
<b>Total</b>	<b>481</b>

Source: CER





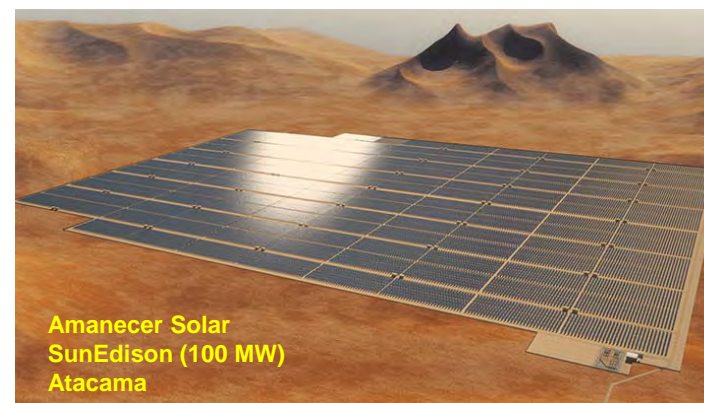
# Renewable Energy Today

## Main data

Installed Capacity aggregate per year (MW)						
Technology	Accum. up to 2010	2011	2012	2013	2011-2013	Total
Biomass	195	53	144	51	247	442
Wind	170	34		97	132	302
Small hydro	226	31	19	47	97	323
Solar			3	3	6	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>1,072</b>



Technology	Operation (MW)	Under construction (MW)	Environment assessment approved (MW)	Under environment assessment (MW)
Biomass	442	10	106	26
Wind power	302	490	3,585	1,537
Mini-Hydro	323	76	268	139
Solar	5,7	175	4,860	2,052
Geothermal			120	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,072</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>8,939</b>	<b>3,754</b>

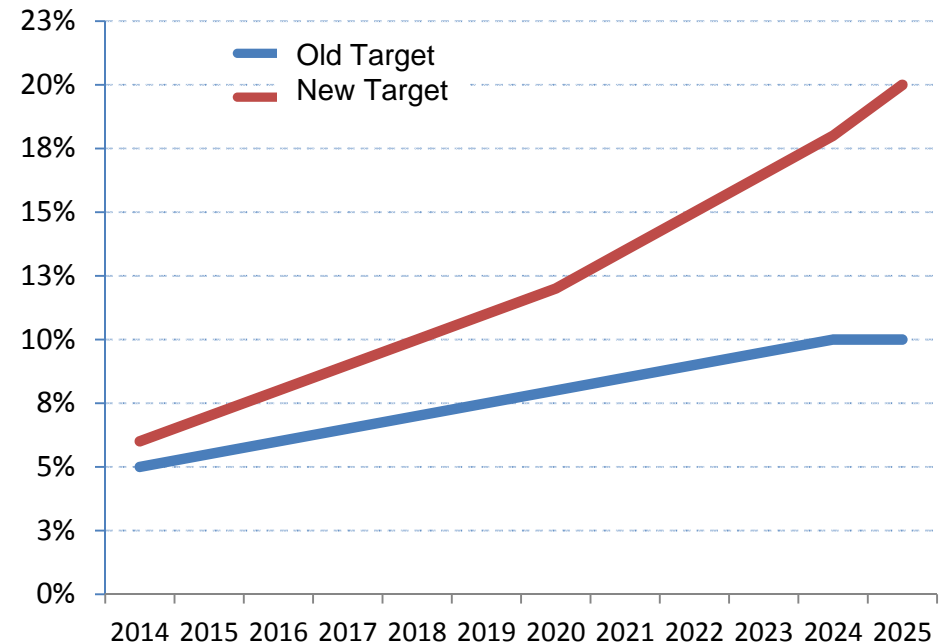


Source: CER (sep 2013)



# New Renewable target Law 20.698, 2013

- In 2008, Chile promoted the increase of renewable energy share in the energy market through a renewable portfolio standard, to reach 10% by 2024.
- This law excludes hydropower plants larger than 20 MW.



- Recently, in October 2013, the new Law N°20.698, requires that **20%** of the energy of new energy contracts comes from non-conventional renewable energy (NCRE) sources by **2025**.
- In addition, the law creates a new bidding mechanism for new renewable energy projects, where they can get a stable price for 10 years according to the offer made, with a price cap.
- **The new law will require by 2025, approximately 22,700 GWh roughly equivalent to 6,500 MW of renewable projects.**



# Geothermal energy in Chile



- Chile is one of the largest under-developed geothermal countries in the world.
- The geothermal systems in Chile are associated with volcanos.
- Over 15 percent of the world's active and dormant volcanoes are in Chile, forming an almost continuous line about 4,000 km long. As a result, over 300 geothermal areas have been identified throughout the country.
- The geothermal-resource potential of Chile may reach 16,000 MWe, according to preliminary estimates.



# Geothermal energy in Chile - Regulation



- Law No. 19,657 on Geothermal Energy Concessions, published on January, 2000; governs the granting of permits or concessions, by the government to geothermal developers.
- Rules of procedure for the implementation of Law, contained in Decree N° 32 – 2004 (by-law).
- In March 2013, a new regulation was approved (Decree N°114 - 2013), to streamline the concession process for geothermal projects and provide developers with long-term certainty over development rights.

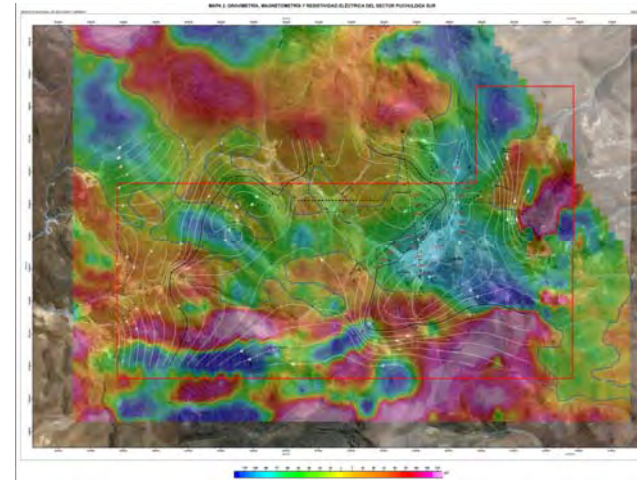
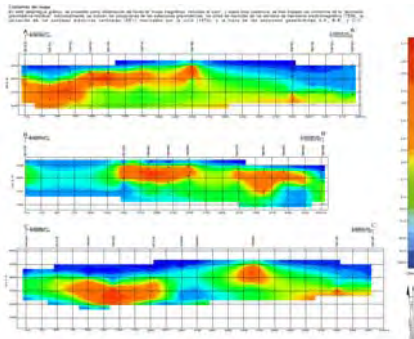


# Geothermal energy concessions



**1. Exploration:** Gives the developer the right to carry out exploratory work to determine geothermal potential.

- Duration: 2 years extendable for 2 more.
- Maximum area: 100,000 ha.



**2. Exploitation:** Awards the developer the right to carry out all the activities required for a geothermal energy generation plant, including drilling, construction, commissioning and operation of an extraction system; the production and processing of geothermal fluids in electrical or thermal energy.

It confers the right to utilise the geothermal energy that exists within its boundaries.

- Duration: indefinite.
- Maximum area: 20,000 ha.



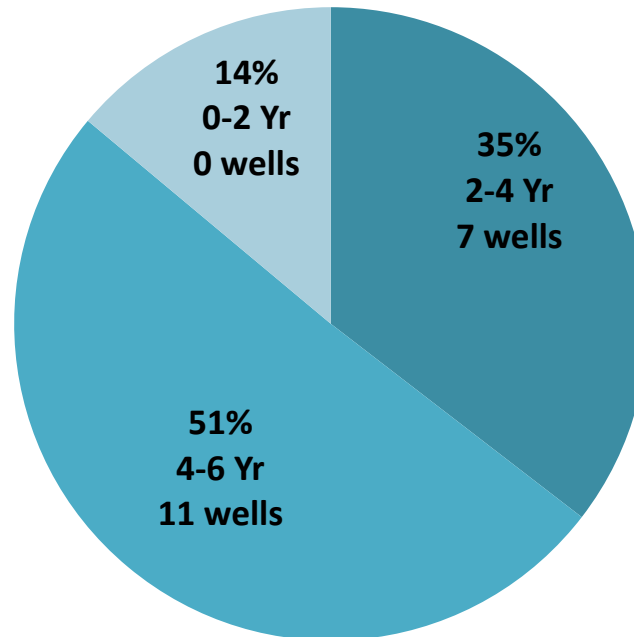


# Geothermal energy concessions



Status	Quantity	Hectares	Commitment US\$
Exploration Concessions	79	3 million	380 million
Exploitation Concessions	7	38.000	1160 million

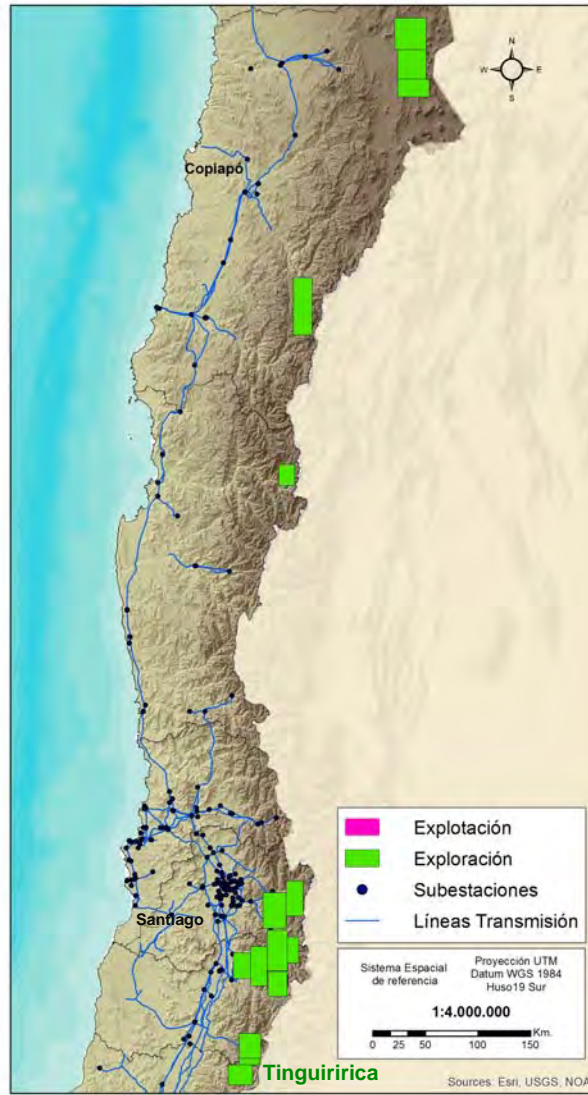
## EXPLORATION CONCESSIONS Lifetime & Exploration wells drilled



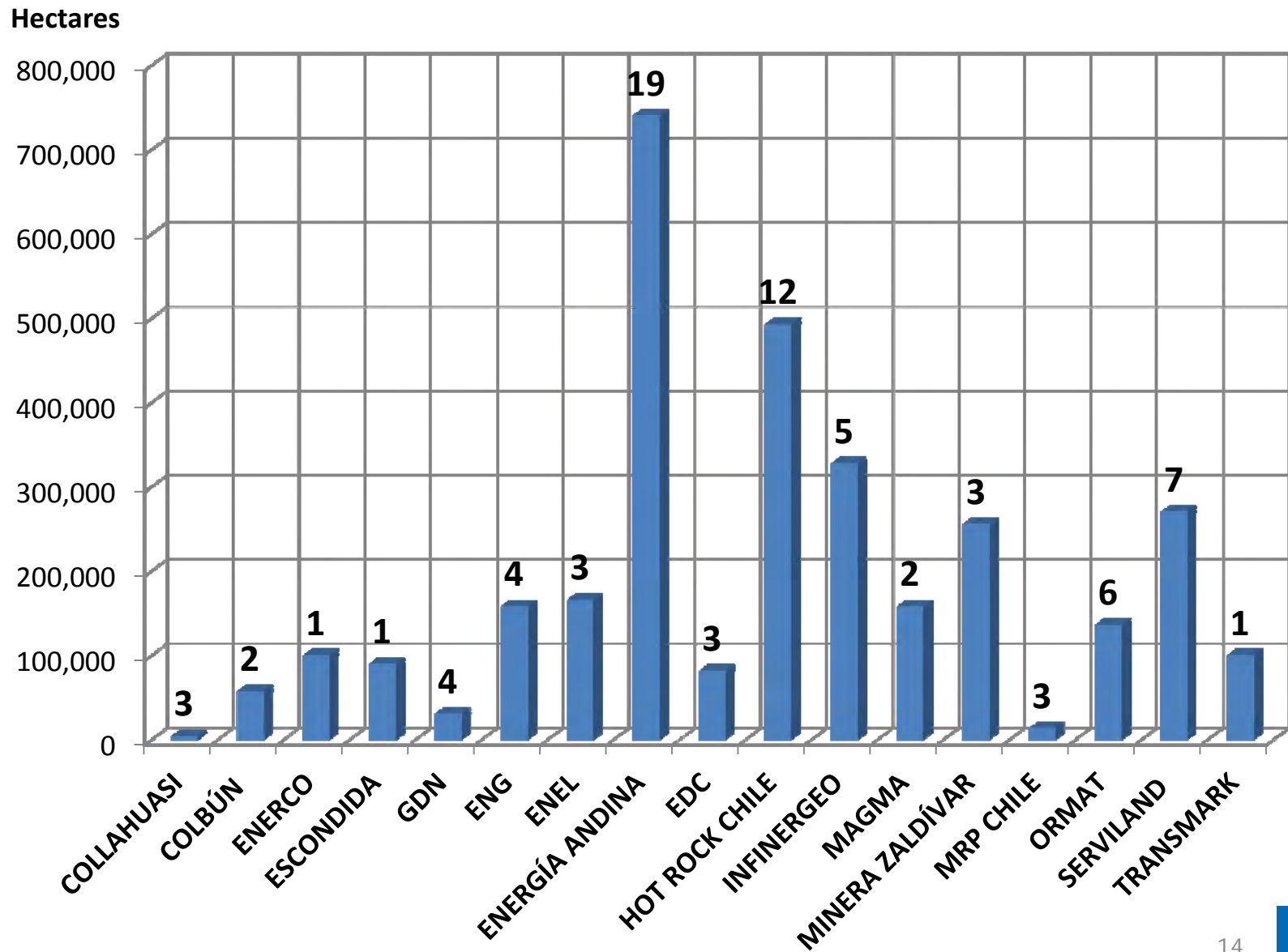
# Geothermal concessions by area



## 3 million hectares in exploration stage



# Geothermal exploration concessions by company





# Geothermal main projects

## Cerro Pabellón (Apacheta concession), ENEL GP



- Environmental approval.
- 2 production wells (1800m, 245° C) + 2 injected wells + 1 slim hole (700m, 210° C)
- Estimated capacity: 50 MW (2018)



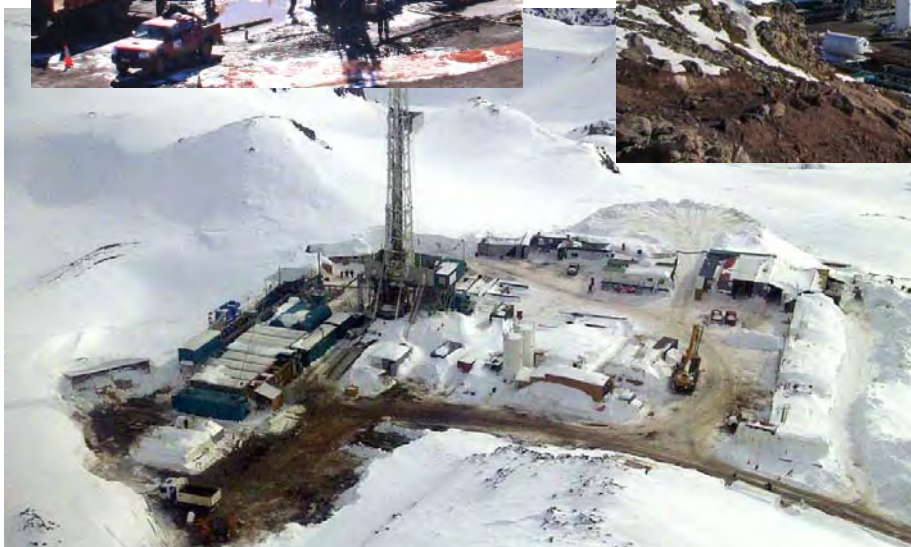
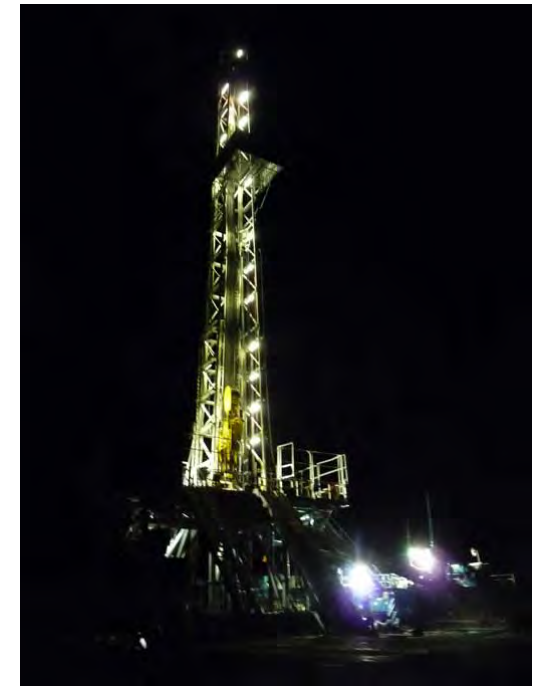
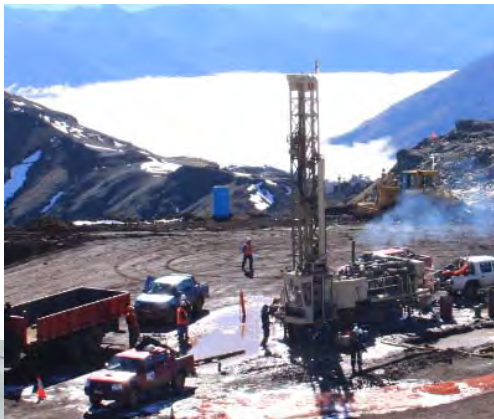
Source: Enel Green Power



# Geothermal main projects

## Curacautín (San Gregorio concession), MRP Chile

- Environmental approval.
- 2 production wells drilled (2500m, 290° C) + 4 slim hole (1100m, 300° C).
- Estimated capacity: 70 MW (2018)




Source: Mighty River Power



# Geothermal main projects

## Energia Andina (Origin Energy + Antofagasta Minerals)



Drilling Exploration	
1) Tinguiririca	1 Gradient 813 m core slim Hole (240 °C steam)
	
2) Pampa Lirima	4 Gradient conventional slim holes 300 m 1 Core Slim Hole 1,500 m
3) Colpitas	1 conventional slim hole 1,007 m
4) Juncalito	Drilling conventional slim hole
5) Puntas Negras	Drilling conventional slim hole



Source: Energía Andina



# International Financing and Cooperation



Clean Technology Fund – Geothermal Risk Mitigation Program (MiRiG)  
 (<https://www.climateinvestmentfunds.org/cifnet/country/chile>)

Table 5: Chile Revised CTF Financing Plan (2013) (USD million)

Financing source	Component I (CSPP)	Component II (LSPVP)	Component III (RESSEE)	Component IV (RESSEE Prep Grant)	Component V (MiRiG)	TOTAL
CTF loans and grants	67	50	49	1	33	200
GoC	20	0	20	0	14.5	54.5
IDB loans	125	50	50	0	50	275
IDB's Canadian Fund loan	30	0	0	0	0	30
IBRD grants	0	0	0	0	0.5	0.5
IDB grants	1	0	0	0	0	1
GEF	0	0.6	2.8	0	0	3.4
IFC loans	0	50	50	0	0	100
Bilaterals (KfW & LAIF)	148.6	295	0	0	0	443.6
Other private sector	109.4	274.4	250	0	200	833.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>421.8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>1,941.8</b>

Co-financing figures to be revised at the time of program design

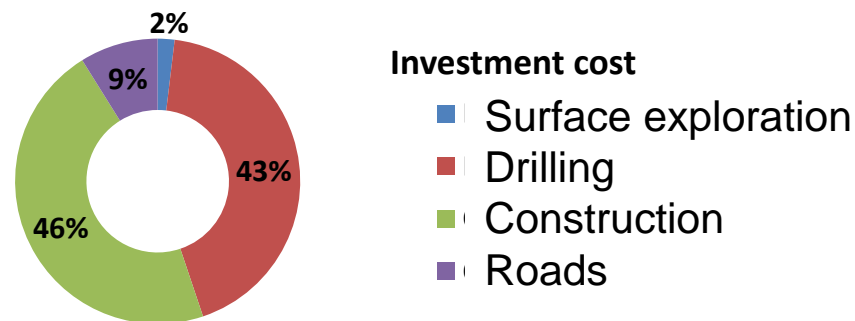


# Geothermal Challenges in Chile



- The high altitudes and arid environment of the north create logistical difficulties for the location of camps and the extraction of industrial sites.
- On the other extreme, the glacial morphology of the south complicates access and there is also a limited window of time when work can be carried out.
- High exploration cost, in Chile these costs become even more expensive given the absence –at this moment- of a consolidated geothermal industry.

**Investment cost per unit 5,100 – 6,000 US\$/kW**



# Geothermal Challenges in Chile



- Companies need to find big resources that can justify long transmission lines.
- Access to the electricity markets (PPAs).
- Geothermal risk mitigation instruments.
- Geothermal security regulations for drilling.
  - Technical collaboration from countries and institutions with the experience.
- Capacity building and communications on geothermal energy.
  - To the community.
  - To the public services involved in the environmental evaluation.



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