

Overview of Exploration Licensing Tender Rounds Preliminary Plan 2025 to 2027



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KSA's Exploration Licensing Process

Direct Application



First-Come First-Served process



A registered company in Saudi Arabia is required before application



Identify and select areas of your choice through the National Geological Database



All data are available in the National Geological Database



Open throughout the year

Tender Applications



Merit-based competition process



Participation in the tender rounds are open without having a registered company in Saudi



Exploration Spend Tender



Due Diligence and Data Room provided along with National Geological Database

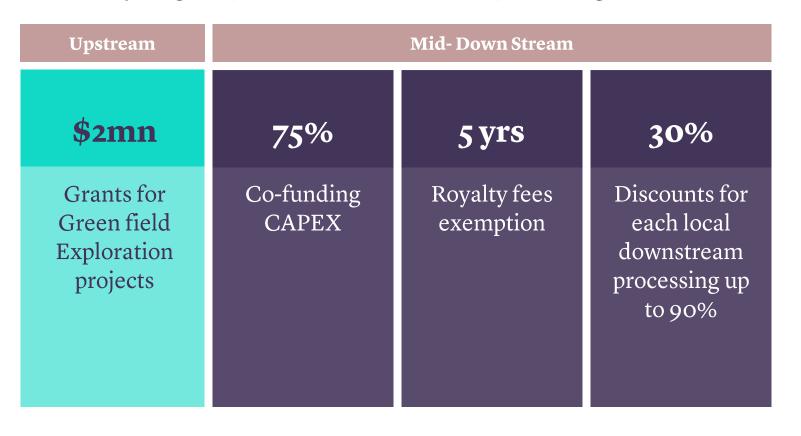


Brownfield sites with Advanced Data



KSA Offers Competitive Incentives

From early-stage exploration to downstream processing



Additional incentives



30-50% salary coverage for Saudi employees



Customs duties exemptions on industrial machinery, MRO, and raw materials



100% foreign direct business ownership



20% Corporate Tax



40+ locations across KSA with competitive land & utility prices



Exploration Enablement Program (EEP)



Exploration Enablement Program (EEP) was launched to de-risk mining investments and accelerate exploration in the Kingdom

Exploration Enablement Program

685 Mn SAR (USD 182 Mn)

to unlock KSA's geological knowledge, de-risk mining investments, and accelerate greenfield exploration across the Kingdom.

Objectives



Accelerate exploration for Class A minerals



Enhance geological knowledge



Identify new frontiers in green field areas



Expand the capability and local talent

Incentives Under the Program

Eligible Categories

Drilling, Lab Testing and Geoscientific Studies

Talent/ Labor

Additional cash incentive to cover local salary costs beyond HRDF coverage

Threshold (%)

Up to 25% of total drilling, lab testing and geoscientific studies costs

Up to 15% of salary costs for expertise employees' residing in KSA)

Capping 7 million (SAR)

4 million

(max of 15 applications per company)

3 million

(max of 5 applications per company)



Exploration Enablement Program – Eligibility Criteria Access 685m SAR (US\$182m) – Launched April 2024



Active Mineral **Exploration License**

Valid Exploration license with less than 5 years



Comprehensive Greenfield Exploration Program

- Specific minerals selected and activities to be undertaken
- Identify outsourced activities and talent requirements
- Provide a detailed budget



Priority Class-A Minerals Focus

• Select minerals for exploration from the prioritized Class-A list (e.g., Copper, Lithium, Nickel)



Local Capability Building

Commit to nurturing local talent and expertise in the mining sector



Commitment to Local Service Providers

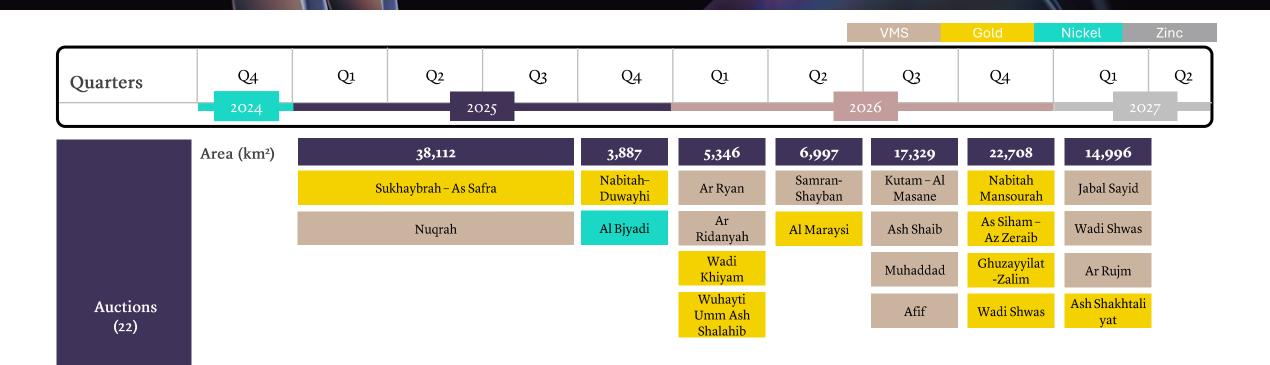
• Prioritize engagement with local service providers for exploration activities



Proven Expertise and Track Record

- Demonstrate the availability of technical experts with a successful track record in greenfield exploration
- Showcase experience in end-to-end exploration projects within or outside KSA

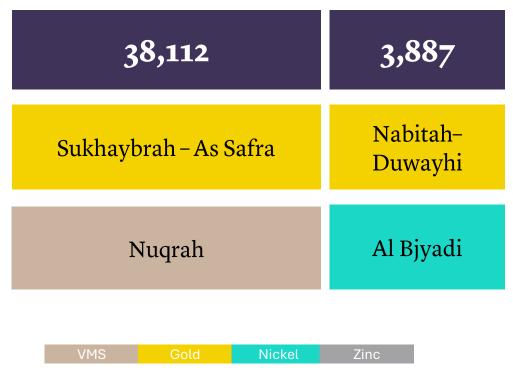


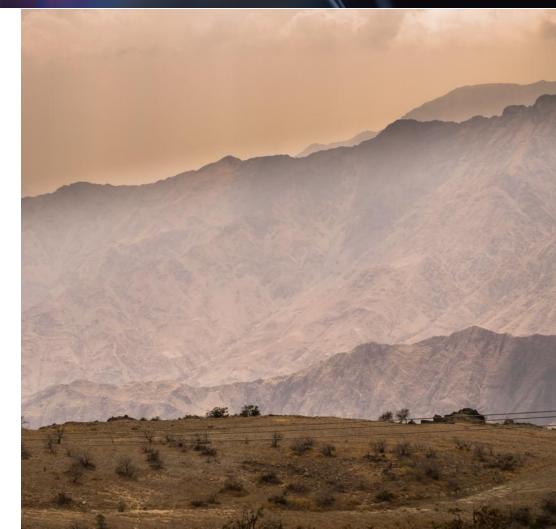




2025

Area (km²)



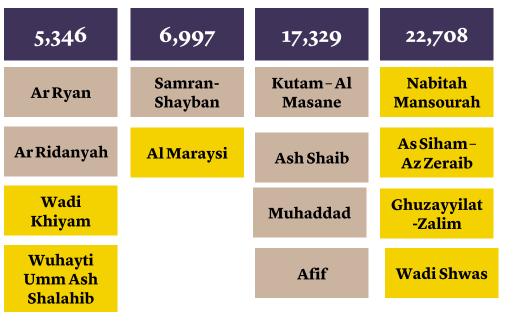




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2026

Area (km²)







2027

Jabal Sayid

Wadi Shwas

Ar Rujm

Ash Shakhtali yat





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Saudi Geological Survey

https://sgs.org.sa/en



National Geological Database

http://ngp.sgs.org.sa



Ta'adeen platform

Bidding Platform

https://bidding.taadeen.sa/
https://taadeen.sa/en/mining-bids



Email Ministry for licensing rounds

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Daleel (Investor Journey)

https://daleel.gov.sa/

