Brazil's presalt opportunities





Brazil's 2019 bid rounds:

- Round 16 postsalt
- Sixth presalt
- Surplus transfer of rights (TOR)

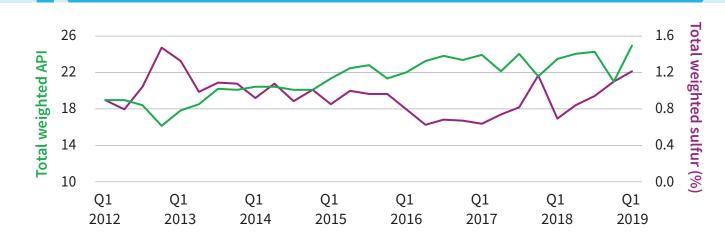
Surplus TOR	 In April, the government agreed to pay Petrobras US\$9 billion in compensation. An auction is expected in November 2019 for about 6.1–15.1 billion boe surplus volume.
Operators	Interest is expected from major foreign companies.CNOOC, CNPC, Total, Equinor, Royal Dutch Shell.
Petrobras	 There is continued focus on the upstream salt portfolio through further divestment of noncore upstream assets. Companies awarded PSCs will be required to sign coparticipation agreements with Petrobras to unitize operations and establish working interests.
Government and risks	 1 January 2019: Far-right populist Jair Bolsonaro was sworn in as president. Continuation of liberal policies in presalt is expected. Investors face bureaucratic obstruction related to environmental regulations. Deteriorating relations between oil unions and the government will likely lead to conflicts, delaying certain Petrobras asset sales. 6 June 2019: The Brazil Supreme Court ruled subsidiaries of the state-run firm can be sold without Congress approval.

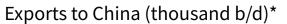
^{*}Demand driven by CNPC and Sinopec, along with independent refiners across Shandong province.

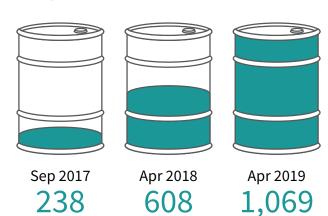
CNOOC = China National Offshore Oil Corporation; CNPC = China National Petroleum Corporation; PSCs = production-sharing contracts.

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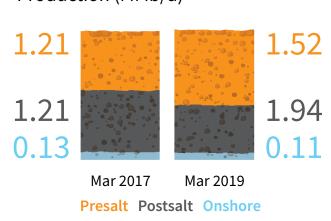
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