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SOUTH SUDAN IN NUMBERS



GDP: \$ 3.01bn



Proven oil reserves : 3.5bn



Total oil production (2018): Over 1m bpd



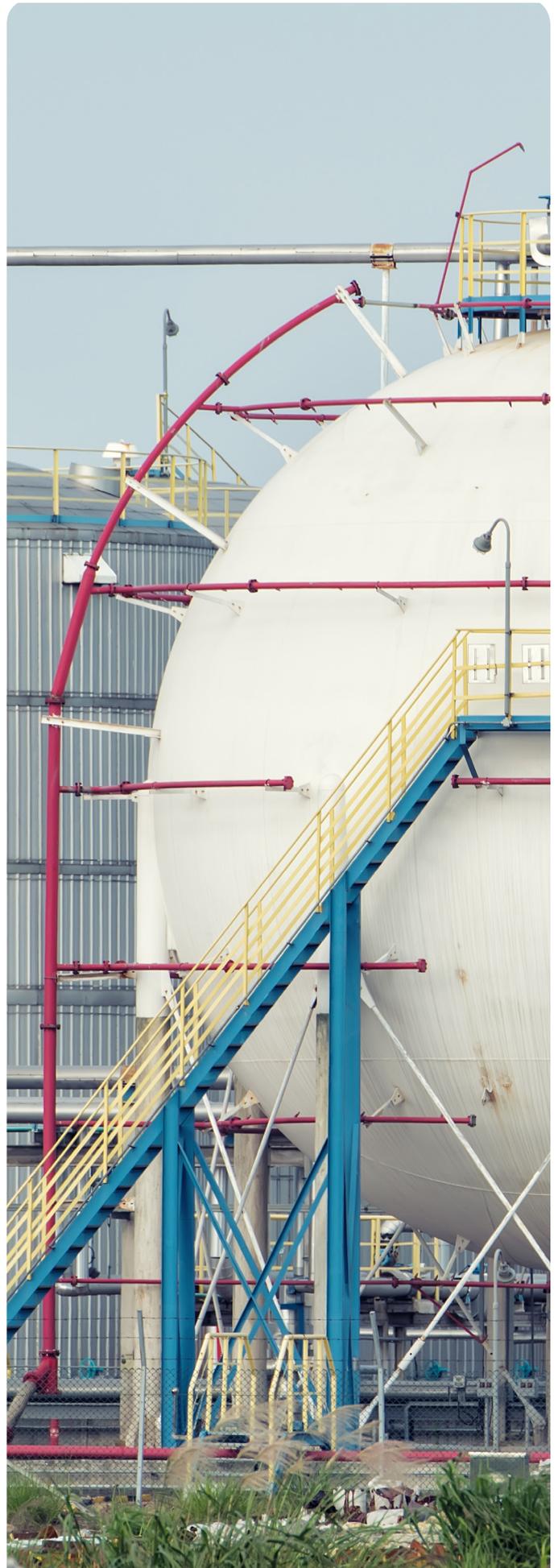
Hydropower potential: 2.500MW



Population has access to grid electricity: 1.05%



Legal regime: Combination of statutory and customary law



OVERVIEW:

Since the signing of the historical peace deal in Khartoum in 2018, South Sudan has been on an aggressive campaign to resume its oil production activities in order to boost its economy and attract investments through creating a conducive investment environment, and showing the region that it is committed to economic growth and maintain peace in the country.

With a GDP of \$3.01 billion and proven oil reserves of 3.5 billion barrels, South Sudan is only mature producer in the East African Community, and is set to become one of the continent's largest oil producing nations.

Since the signing of the peace deal, the country started pumping an additional 15,000 barrels of oil per day (bopd) of crude oil from its unity oil-fields which are anticipated to be increased to 70,000 bopd by the end of the year. It is envisaged that by the end of 2019, Blocks 3 and 7 will hit 180,000 bopd, Blocks 1,2 and 4 will be producing 70,000 bopd and Block 5A will be producing 20,000 bopd. The country is expected to return to producing more than 350,000 barrels of crude per day by the middle of 2020, up from its current 165,000 bopd.

While South Sudan has traditionally experience Asian investment inflows, especially Chinese, Malaysian and Indian, new comers have been expressing interest in the country recently. Nigerian firm Oranto Petroleum signed the country's first EPSA in 2017 and is currently exploring Block B3, while on May 6, 2019, the government of South Africa signed the country's second EPSA to explore Block B2 via its state-owned entity Strategic Fuel Fund. Centurion is proud to have been the advisor and have drafted and negotiated both agreements. Meanwhile, Russian oil companies such as Zarubezhneft, Gazprom Neft and Rosneft are also looking at investing in other blocks.

Despite its volatile history, South Sudan's Petroleum Laws are one of the least complex laws in the region. Two key pieces of legislation, the Petroleum Act of 2012 and the Petroleum Revenue Management Act of 2013, are in place to govern the oil and gas sector in South Sudan. The

country is currently in the process of reforming its local content regulations and these are expected to be passed this year. The Petroleum Act has established the National Petroleum and Gas Commission of South Sudan to devise policy, approve agreements on behalf of the government and co-ordinate between different government agencies. It is currently taking steps for institutional capacity building to enable it to perform its duties efficiently.

Downstream, state-owned Nilepet has a 5-year downstream master plan to commission 34 fuel stations, three strategic regional fuel storage depots, five refineries and three regional LPG plants. As part of the plan, South Sudan has already signed an agreement with Ethiopia for petroleum products off-take from a refinery to be built at the border between both nations.

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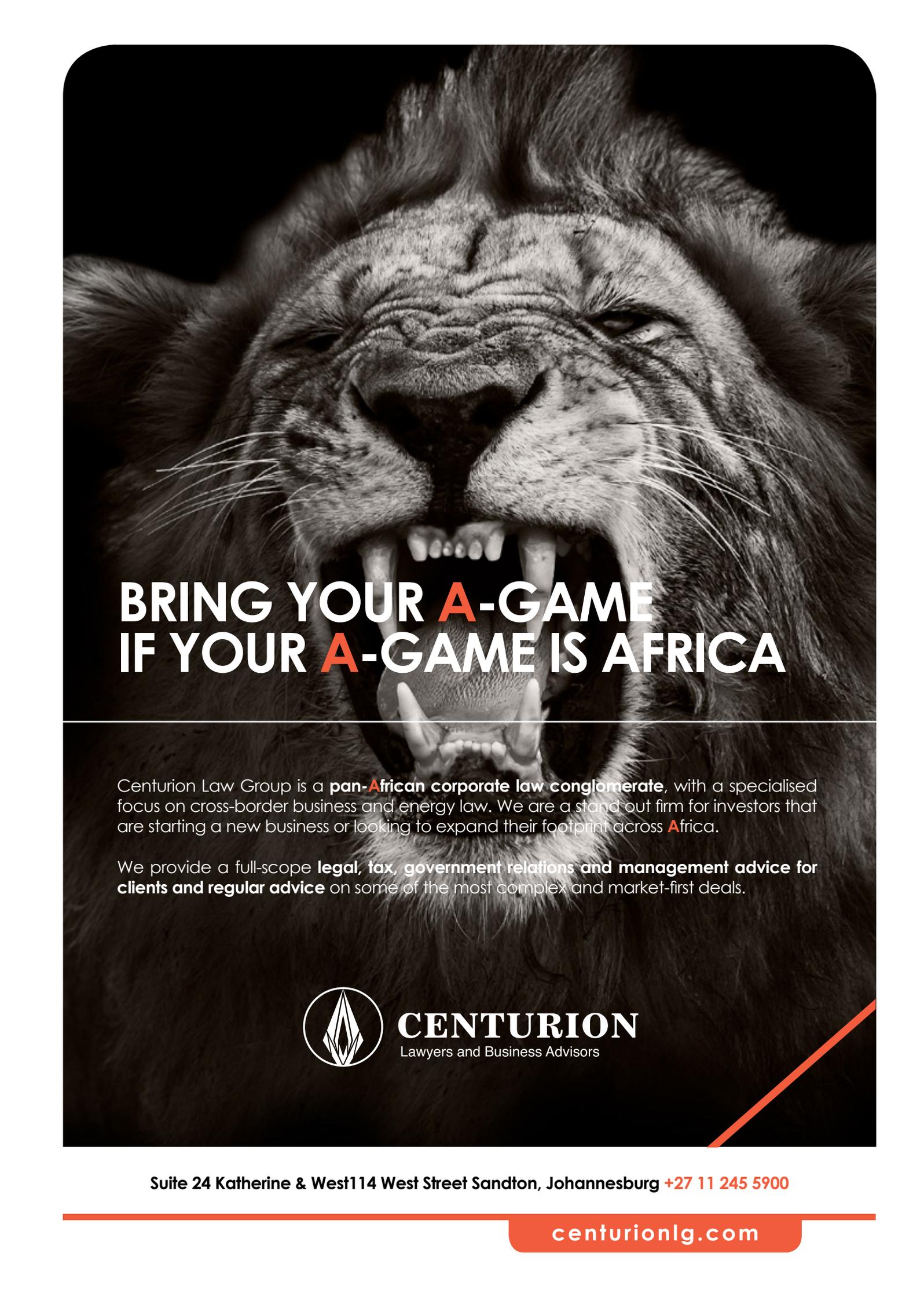
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