



Wolfson Department of Chemical Engineering Seminar

Lecture Hall 6, Wolfson Department of Chemical Engineering,

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Israeli Natural Gas and the Gas Arrangement

The world has official reserves of natural gas of over 185 trillion cubic meters , and probably much more.

Israel has official reserves of natural gas of almost 1 trillion cubic meters, considers itself a huge producing nation and is in a hurry to get the gas out, sell it and, hopefully, get some of the proceeds of the sale.

The government produced the Gas Arrangement, which committed Israel to buy the gas for over 10 years at high prices of gas and low taxes for the companies, in order to entice the gas companies that own the gas licenses,.

In order to overcome the objections of the government professionals, the anti trust commissioner was forced to resign, the electricity commissioner was fired and a minister was promoted from Economy minister to Interior minister.

The Supreme Court was unwilling to oppose the government, but could not accept that a very long range commitment is legal.

Meanwhile, the gas market collapsed. Natural gas prices all over the world are less than half of what they were two years ago, and no large foreign client is eager to buy Israeli natural gas.

The seminar will describe the history of the Israeli natural gas and the gas arrangement.

Refreshments will be served at 13:15