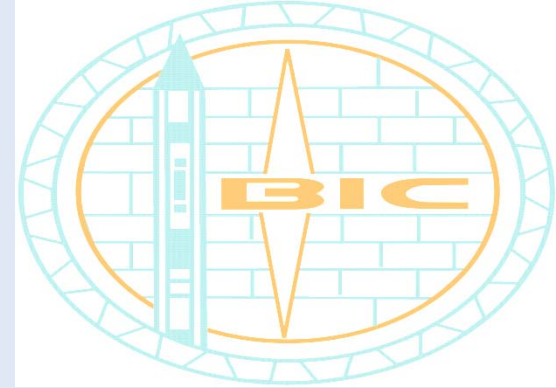


**Republic of Iraq**  
**Basra province**



# **Basra Investment Commission**

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## Introduction

In order to activate the economical activities and facilitate the investors' and businessmen duty so as to invest in Basra province, this is a quick brief focus light on the geographical side of Basra as well as its natural resources represented by minerals, oil, gas, the specialist staff, the various sectors it contains and the possible investment chances it provides.



# A Brief Glance on Basra

## • Location:

- ❖ Basra is located to the south part of Iraq about 480 km from Baghdad
- ❖ Basra represents the only nautical access in Iraq.
- ❖ Basra is connected through the land with three countries which are Al- Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Iran

• Area : 19,070 square kilometers ,  
4% from Iraq

• Population: 2,7 millions ,  
70% educated

• Age Categories: 35% less than 15 years  
35% 16- 40 years



# The Topography of Basra

Basra has different types of soil:

1. Primarily sedimentary in the north & the east.
2. Sandy in the West
3. Salty and arid in the south east .

It is also distinguished by having a mountain in Safwan area composed of lime stone & a river called Shatt AL- Arab.





# Where is Basra Precisely?



# What does Basra Provide for you?

## Natural Resources

Basra has such great natural resources:

1. Oil and Gas represent the head, there is the more than 65% of the actual oil reserve in Iraq
2. large areas useful for agriculture and irrigation.
3. large marshes in north of it.
4. different varieties of fish resources.



## The Basic Sectors That Provide Chances for Investment

### First: Oil Sector

- 1- Basra's oil reserve is among the biggest in the world and represents 65% .
- 2- Important oil field in Basra Al- Zubair, Al- Rumayla ,Qurna , Majnon and Ibin Omar river .
- 3- Concerning gas, it naturally accompanies oil in its fields and the availability of both of them helps to develop all the other sectors .





## Second: The Industrial Sector

- 1-Basra represents a great industrial base in Iraq.
- 2- strategic location and skilled workforce .
- 3- industries such as petrochemical plants, fertilizer production units, iron and steel plants, cement and oil and gas processing refineries.





## Third: Trading Sector

1-Basra is distinguished by its geographical position .

2- It's facing the Arab Gulf and for being the meeting spot of the air and land transportation which led to shorten the ways that connect Basra with Al-Kuwait and Iran.

3- It also represents a big and wide market .



## Fourth: Transportation and Logistic Sector

- 1- Basra is close to the exporting centers in the south- east part of Asia and the Arab Gulf .
- 2- The government intends to build the biggest harbor in the gulf area for transporting goods between the East and Europe .
- 3- Basra can change the maps and the parameters of the world trade for it joins the eastern countries (China, Jaban, Malizia, Thailand, India ... ) with Europe.



## Fifth: Tourism sector

- 1- wonderful geographical location makes it a major and hopeful area for attracting the tourists.
- 2- Basra is distinctive for having Shat- AL - Arab, Islands and marshes.
- 3- All these places consider big chances to invest it.





## Sixth: Education Sector

- 1- Basra include three main institutions, they are the university of Basra, the technical intitute, the technical college and general directorate of education.
- 2- large numbers of qualified cadre who are specialized to work in various fields.
- 3- The centres of scientific reaches and information technology in addition to the need of the presence of new specialized studies.





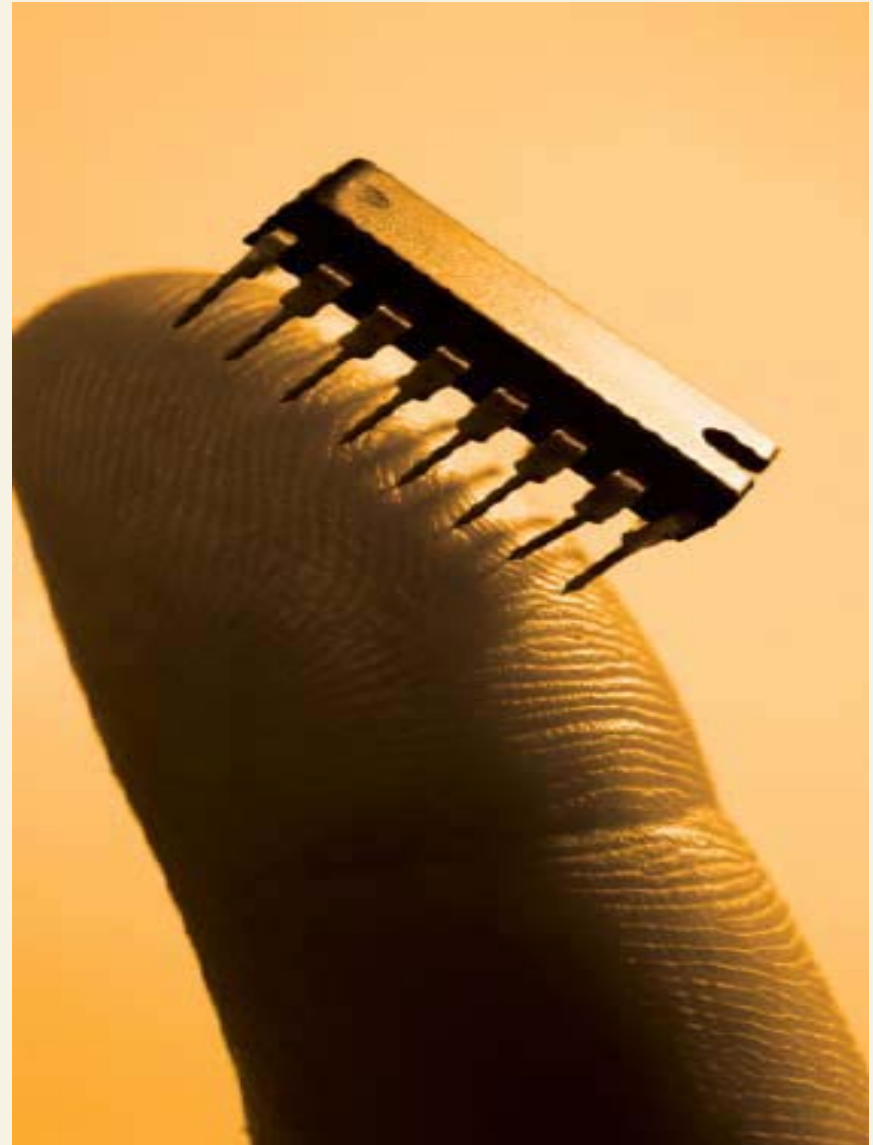
## Seventh: Health Sector

- 1- Basra includes 18 hospitals distributed among the city.
- 2- The average of beds which those hospitals provide in the province is 11 beds for each 10 000 citizen.
- 3- Basra is in need to construct new specialized hospitals .



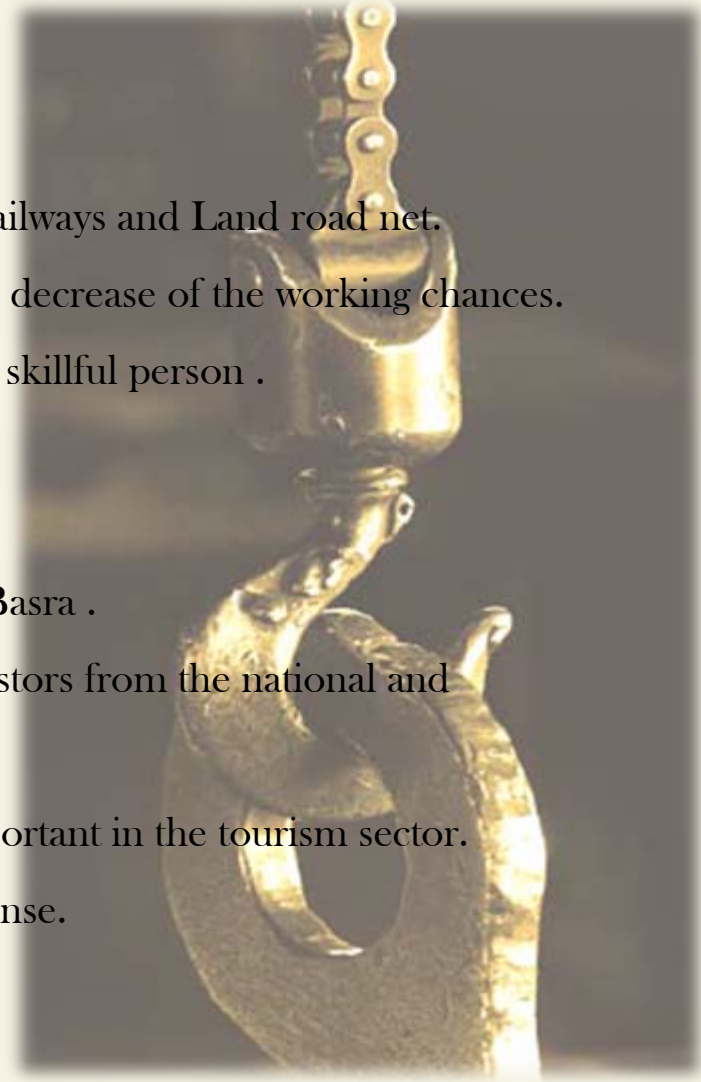
## Eight: Communication and information technology\_

- 1.wire and wireless fast internet services
- 2.ground switches and land line
- 3.mobile system networks (zain & asiacell )
- 4.E-government



# The Strong Points of Investment

- 1-The Strategic Location:- Basra is considered as the gate of Iraq as well as Gulf area.
- 2-Means of transportation:- Um- Qasir Port, Basra Airport and Railways and Land road net.
- 3-Availability of Persons:- Currently, idleness is increased with the decrease of the working chances.
- 4- Availability of Skills:- There are large numbers of qualified and skillful person .
- 5- Availability of natural resources :- oil, gas and water.
- 6- The appropriate costs for employment and operation.
- 7- The availability of industrial locations which widely spread in Basra .
- 8- The encouragement of the trading activities that attract the investors from the national and the central government.
- 9- Basra has many archeological and religions ,which are very important in the tourism sector.
- 10-The clarity of rules and the easiness of granting investment license.



# Oil and Gas Derivatives Industries

- Refineries
- Existing Chlorine Factory
- Oil Pipe line
- Gas Factory
- 2 Existing Fertilizer Factory
- Existing and New Petrochemical Factory



# Manufacturing Industries

- Food Industry
- Existing Iraqi Paper Factory
- ..ect

# **Residential and Commercial Developments**

- Construction of 25000 Housing Unit
- Many opportunities to construct Malls in the downtown city (2.5,3,5 Hectares)
- Trading and business Center
- New Manufacturing City (40 Hectares) near Um Qaser Port
- Construction of 5000 housing to Ministry of Transportation

# Transportation..

- New 4 specialize ports for Containers
- Cold storage Warehouse
- 10 seeds vassals to transform 30000 ton/month of seeds from Um Qasr to Basrah through Shatt Alarab River
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# Tourism and Hospitality

- New Five 5-Stars Hotel near & Inside the New Sport City
- New Park (100 Hectares)
- Sendabad Land
- Marshes...



# **Agriculture and Water Resources**

- Many opportunities in several places in:
- 25,000 Hectares to Vegetables projects
- 25,000 Hectares to animals & Fish projects

# Education

- Construct of new internal buildings for university
- Laborites (medical, engineering, biological, chemical, physical analysis)
- New University
- Sport and social center

# Health

- Specialize Hospital in Cancer, eyes, neuro surgery, urology, etc.
- Updated investigation in hormonal and biochemical field.
- Drugs factory
- Medical supplies factories (cotton, needles, canula, medical oxygen, IV-fluid (interavenous))

# Communications and Information Technology

- Fast Internet service



## Procedures for Granting Investment license:

- 1-Filling the application form.
- 2- A File about the date of establishing the company and its achievements.
- 3-Project feasibility study in principle.
- 4-A Financial band.
- 5-The executive commentary of the project.
- 6-The capital of the project.
- 7- project timeline.



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