Determinants of Mineral Supply and Depletion Issues-Case of Fossil Fuels

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Introduction

Classification MINERAL RESOURCES **NON-METALLIC** FOSSILFUELS METALLIC

Types of Energy Resources

ENERGY RESOURCES

DEPLETABLE (Fossil fuels)

RENEWABLE (solar, hydro, thermal)

FOSSIL FUELS

This presentation is about Fossil Fuels

Depletion = deliberate piecemeal removal of a finite asset with production, a time frame at which this asset will diminish and ultimately deplete

Economic depletion Physical depletion

Oil, Gas and Coal Resources by Region (bnboe)



Importance of Energy

- Our civilization and prosperity depends on energy input
- Improving standard of living and sustaining them requires energy
- Close relationship between economic development and energy use

Prosperity and Energy Use





Note: Europe & Central Asia EIT (Economies in Transition) excludes EU accession countries. Source: World Bank, World Development Indicators 2006.



What are the Challenges?

Depletable resource....supply challenge
Increase in population, mineral demand
Industrialization, economic development
Environmental Constraints, Climate change
Anxiety, insecurity of supply
Sustainability

Global Trends: Growth in Economy, Energy & Emissions



Note: Index: 1971-100

Source: UNDESA-DSD, based on data from World Bank, World Development Indicators 2005, and Stern, D., 2005.



Incidental Costs









Energy Trends

World Total Primary Energy Supply by Source



Evolution from 1971 to 2002 of World Total Primary Energy Supply* by Fuel (Mtoe)



Source: IEA Key World Energy Statistics, 2005



Source: IEA Key World Energy Statistics, 2005









World Primary Energy Consumption



Depletion and Scarcity

Are Minerals Getting Scarce?

SCARCITY INDICATORS

ECONOMIC (PRICE, COST, RENT)

PHYSICAL (RESERVES, R/P)

Indicators and Scarcity

- Scarcity of a resource may be implied when there is a:
 - Price increase
 - Cost increase
 - Rent increase
 - Psychological hype
 - Collusion among producers
 - Speculation regarding availability

Possible Trends





Fossil Fuels, Relative indices Price Trends

Real price index, 1989 = 100



Source: Norrdaus (1992)

Mineral Price Trend



World Gas Reserves



World Proven Oil Reserves



Fossil Fuel R/Ps



Source: BP estimates

Based on the numbers...

- Economic, and physical indicators do not conclusively imply that fossil fuels are getting scarce
- Previous (historical) increases in price of crude have been initiated by speculation and manmade crises.
- Recent (last 5 years or so) increase in real price of crude possibly indicate a tightening of crude supply.

Analysis and Implications

Determinants of Demand

Income
Price

own, substitute

Population
Consumer preference

Movement along Demand Curve, or Shift of Demand Curve

Demand-Supply Analysis



Supply Extension

Higher Energy Prices

Create new reserves

Capacity addition

Technological Development

Create new reserves

Novel E&P methods

Engineering models

End-use and Demand side options

Efficiency in end-use sectors

- Appliances, transportation, engine technology, urban planning, reduction in congestion
- Power plants: increase in efficiency, electricity storage option, hybrid option
- Industry: smart(er) manufacturing centers
- Others

Supply Mechanics

- Significant Energy supply sources:
 - Conventional and unconventional oil, gas, coal
 - Nuclear and renewables.
- Economics:

As D > S, increase in price encourages
 exploration discovery more reserves;
 also, encourages conservation, substitution
 extends depletion time

Concept of Shelf Technologies

- Availability of substitutes
- Varying MEC, ease of use, environmental impact
- Lag time P, MC
- Switchability



If price is prohibitive or comparable to the next option, substitution occurs.

Essential Questions

Are reserves sufficient?

- What are the approximate production costs?
- What is the lead time and what are the initial difficulties for significant production and use globally?
- What are the approximate prices for end-users?
- What are the environmental impacts from using the resource?
- Sustainability

Do we have an Energy Crises?

- Absolutely NO, Plenty of other energy sources are available.
- Crude oil is least in reserves among the fossil fuels, but is the most used as a source of energy...convenient, availability, oil-based equipments.
- Environmental concerns will be important in shaping up the fate of the other competing/complementary energy sources

The List

Conventional, Unconventional
Primary, secondary, tertiary
GTL, CTL
Biofuels
.....and the Renewables: Solar, Wind, hydro, geo
Nuclear

Conclusions

- FF provides more than 80% of global primary energy needs.
- Depletion base of FF can be effectively lengthened through a variety of implementable options:
 - 1. Engineering, science, technology, and continued R&D. Recovery improvement; engineering technologies in developing, and conversion of reserves, better understanding of the biology, chemistry and physics of reservoirs and fluids, extend base assets, prioritize enduse sectors, innovative and effective approach in supply and curtailing demand

Conclusions

- 2. Diversification of energy sources
- 3. International trust, respect, cooperation, and dialogue between nations.