

#### INDÚSTRIAS NUCLEARES DO BRASIL - INB

#### PERSPECTIVES FOR THE NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE IN BRAZIL



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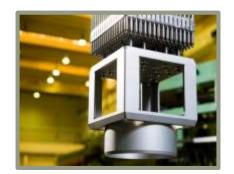
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#### Indústrias Nucleares do Brasil - INB

- Public Company
   Brazilian Ministry of Mines and Energy MME
- Products and Services on the Nuclear Fuel Cycle
- State Monopoly / Peaceful use of Nuclear Energy according to the Brazilian Federal Constitution









## The Nuclear Fuel Cycle



Mining & Processing

Ore Extraction and Uranium Concentrate (U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>) Production

**Conversion** — Conversion of Uranium Concentrate to UF6



**Enrichment** —> UF<sub>6</sub> Ultracentrifuge Isotopic Concentration



**Reconversion** —> Conversion of UF<sub>6</sub> to UO<sub>2</sub> Powder



Pellets Fabrication

→ Enriched UO₂ Pelletizing



Fuel Assembly —

Components Manufacturing and Fuel Assembly Fabrication

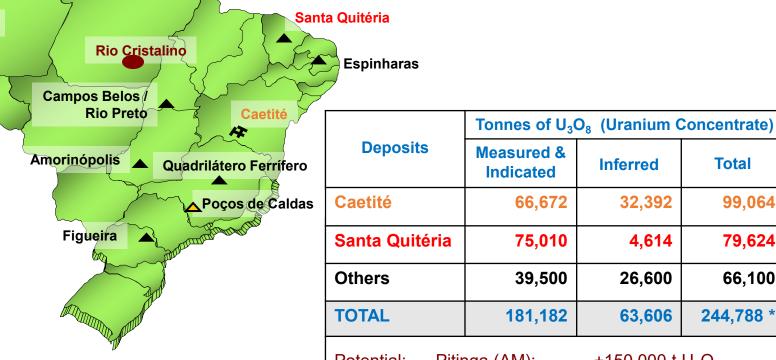


Uranium
Mining
&
Mineral
Processing





## **Uranium Resources in Brazil**



Inferred Total Indicated 66,672 32,392 99,064 75,010 4,614 79,624 26,600 66,100 39,500 244,788 \* 181,182 63,606

Potential: Pitinga (AM): +150,000 t U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> +150,000 t U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> Rio Cristalino (PA):

\* Only about 1/3 of the territory has been prospected.

Pitinga



## **INB New Mining Projects**

### Uranium concentrate production – Caetité

Current Mine

Current Capacity

Chemical Plant Expansion

Underground mine project

Engenho Mine (Open Pit)

 $260 - 360 \text{ t/y } \text{U}_3\text{O}_8$ 

up to 800 t U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>/year capacity

Cachoeira Mine



Santa Quiteria Project – Uranium and Phosphate

- Estimated: 2,300 t U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>/year (2027)
- Ramp-up from 2024
- Geological exploration for new deposits
  - Caetité (BA), Rio Cristalino (PA), Pitinga (AM), others



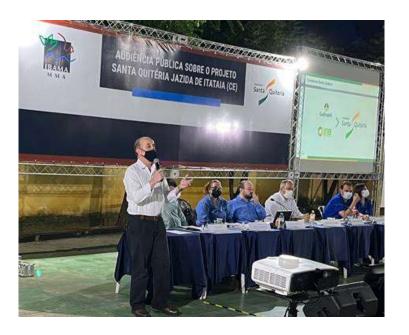
## Santa Quitéria Project, Ceará

#### **Resources:**

**Uranium associated to Phosphate** 

#### **Santa Quiteria Consortium:**

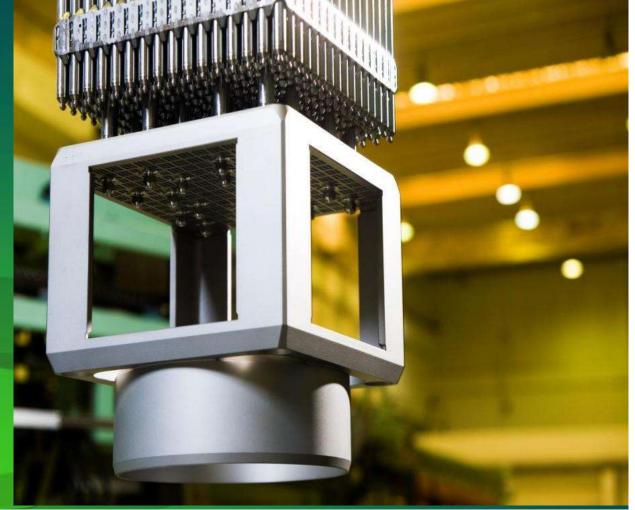




- Environmental Impact Studies: March 2022
- Public Hearings: June 7 9, 2022



# Nuclear Fuel Fabrication Plant



## **Nuclear Fuel Fabrication Plant** FCN - Resende, Rio de Janeiro



## **INB Conversion Projects**

- Commercial → 5% of total fabrication cycle
- Today → conversion services performed abroad
- International market → supply and demand gap (~2035)
- INB and CTMSP (\*) → cooperation on the USEXA conversion pilot plant
- INB USICON → conceptual basis for conversion, at the fuel assembly fabrication plant site





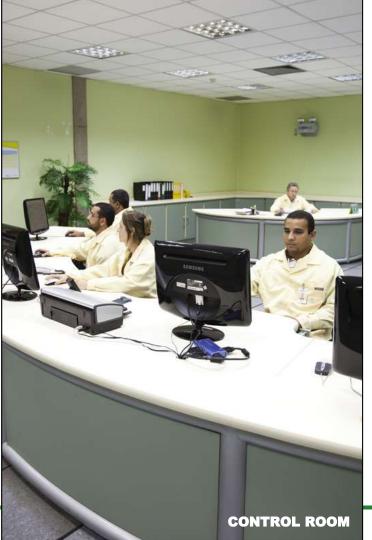
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INB USICON project 6



## **INB Enrichment Plant Projects**

Ultracentrifuge Technology
 Developed in Brazil by CTMSP

#### December 2022

- First Phase completed →70 t SWU/year
   (70% supply of Angra 1 needs)
- 10 Cascades in 4 Modules
- Future ~2037- UCEU (\*)
  - Ultracentrifuge fabrication expansion
  - Second Phase → 500 t SWU/year (100% Angra 1, 2 and 3 and +)
  - 30+ Cascades in 15 Modules





## **UO<sub>2</sub> Powder Production**

Capacity: 160 t/y UO<sub>2</sub>

## **UO<sub>2</sub> Pellet Production**

Capacity: 120 t/y UO<sub>2</sub>

(= Angra 1, 2 and 3 Nuclear Reactors)





## **Components & Fuel Assembly**

Capacity: 240 t/y UO<sub>2</sub>

(= Angra 1, 2 and 3 Nuclear Reactors and +)



## **Partnerships in Nuclear Fuel Products**









#### UO<sub>2</sub> Export to Argentina

- Atucha NPP & CAREM SMR
- Total of 8.6 tons UO<sub>2</sub>
- 3rd transport in 2020 during Pandemic

#### Fuel Assembly Components

- Westinghouse, Framatome and KNF
- 16NGF Advanced Fuel Design



Reactor floor, Refueling and Engineering Services

in Brazil and abroad









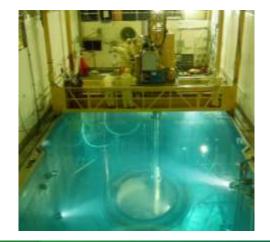


## Refueling Services in Brazil (Angra 1 and 2)

#### **Since 2009**

- Opening and closing reactor vessel, and internal handling
- New and irradiated fuel, and components handling
- Fuel and components visual inspection
- Up to 30 professionals, per outage









## **Refueling Services in USA**

#### **Since 2019**

- Opening and closing reactor vessel, and internal handling
- Irradiated fuel and components handling
- Up to 11 professionals, per campaign (Fall/Spring)

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South Texas, TX Praire Island, MN Beaver Valley, PA

#### Spring 2020

South Texas, TX Vogtle, GA Beaver Valley, PA Comanche Peak, TX

#### **Fall 2020**

Farley, AL Comanche Peak, TX

#### **Fall 2021**

Praire Island, MN Comanche Peak, TX Beaver Valley, PA

#### Spring 2022

Farley, AL Comanche Peak, TX





## **Engineering Services by INB**

INB performed about 1,200 hours per year of fuel engineering services related to nuclear plants in USA (see map), Belgium, Czech Republic, Slovenia, South Africa and Taiwan

- Neutronic Design
- Fuel Rod Design
- Thermo-Hydraulic Design



## INB Strategic Plan 2017 - 2026 (Revision concluded in 2021)



MAPA ESTRATÉGICO 2017-2026



#### Missão

Fornecer produtos e serviços associados ao ciclo do combustível nuclear, destinados à geração de energia elétrica, com segurança, qualidade e sustentabilidade.



#### Visão para 2026

Ser uma empresa reconhecida internacionalmente como fornecedora no mercado de urânio, com excelência na gestão empresarial, em busca da autossuficiência.



#### **Valores Corporativos**

Cultura de segurança Eficiência Qualidade Sustentabilidade Comprometimento e reconheciment



Ampliar as oportunidades de negócios com urânio Ampliar a venda de componentes e servicos. Fornecer elemento combustível tecnologicamente atualizado.

Desenvolver parcerias estratégicas, atuando na adequação do marco regulatório onde aplicável



