

# 3.3 Turkmenistan Additional Service Providers

## Turkmenistan Additional Service Providers: Vehicle Rental, Taxi Companies, Freight Forwarding Agents, Handling Equipment, Power Generation and ISPs

For information on Turkmenistan Additional Service Providers contact details, please see the following link:

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### Vehicle Rental

It currently appears impossible to rent a self drive car in Turkmenistan. you have to take a Government approved guide when travelling outside Ashgabat

### Taxi Companies

For a list of taxi companies operating in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, please select the contact list above.

### Freight Forwarding Agents

For a list of freight forwarding agents operating in Turkmenistan, please select the contact list above.

### Handling Equipment

For a list of freight forwarding agents operating in Turkmenistan, please select the contact list above.

### Electricity and Power

Installed power generation capacity : 4,104MW. About 40% is constituted of gas-turbine generators. Apart from the Russian Federation, Turkmenistan has the largest proven gas reserves of any of the former Soviet republics – believed to be the fourth largest in the world at 22.9 trillion m3. Many gas fields have been discovered in the west near the Caspian Sea but the most significant resources are located in the Amu-Daria Basin in the east. The natural gas deposits have so far proven too risky for international oil and gas companies to exploit. Virtually all electricity and heat are generated from natural gas because of the country’s significant reserves. The Power Sector Development Strategy stipulates that electric power production will be increased up to 35.5 billion kWh by 2030, supported by the construction of three gas-fired plants with a combined capacity of 1.12GW. Large sections of the population do not pay for electricity because of state subsidies. These subsidies tend to render market conditions for renewable energy (RE) projects unfavourable.

### Electricity Generation

The electrical grid system is inefficient, poorly maintained and requires upgrade. In February 2010, Schneider Electric of France and ENEX of Belgium were contracted to upgrade the electricity networks in the capital, Ashgabat. The modernization of the system will be conducted in three phases and is expected to be completed in 2017. For further information on Hydro, Wind, Solar, Blomass and Geothermal Energy generation as well as on Energy Distribution and Supply Electricity, please select the following document:

[Turkmenistan Additional Service Providers Additional Information](#)

**Note: The information provided in the attached documents, which has been taken from the old DLCA, does not match the structure of the new LCA and is therefore provided separately.**

### Internet Service Providers (ISPs)

Turkmenistan gained access to the Internet in 1997 through a contract with MCI Communications (later became MCI WorldCom). A small number of independent Internet Service Providers were forced out of business in 2001 when TurkmenTelecom was granted a monopoly over data services. Dependence on expensive satellite channels limited the availability of Internet to only two thousand subscribers. To upgrade the Internet backbone, Ministry of Communication signed a contract with TATA Communications for routing traffic through Transit-Asia-Europe fiber optic channel. As a result of this development, TurkmenTelecom started offering an access to the higher speed Internet with ADSL to the consumers in Ashgabat. In 2008, MTS started offering Internet service to mobile subscribers via GPRS. Altyn Asyr was first to launch 3G and 2 mpbs mobile internet service in March 2010. Move surprised mobile customers as the provider was known for inferior but cheaper service. Country code (Top level domain): TM

Internet Service Providers	
Are there ISPs available? (Yes / No)	Yes

<b>Private or Government</b>	n/a	
<b>Dial-up only (Yes / No)</b>	No	
<b>Approximate Rates</b>	<b>Dial-up:</b>	2Mbps = USD6,821 per month.
	<b>Broadband:</b>	n/a
<b>Max leasable 'dedicated' bandwidth</b>	n/a	