This map is a representation of Turkmenistan’s major oil and gas fields and transport infrastructure, including ports and pipeline routes, as of February 2011. As the world turns its attention to Turkmenistan’s vast petroleum reserves, more precise details about the fields are sure to become known, and—over time—it will become clear which of the proposed and hotly debated pipelines comes into existence. For now, this map demonstrates where the largest reserves are located, and their relationship to population centers, environmentally protected areas, key geographical features (the Caspian Sea, the Kopet Dag Mountain Range, and the Karakum Desert) and neighboring countries. All of these factors will certainly influence the development of Turkmenistan’s hydrocarbon industry—and vice versa—for decades to come.

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