Why Israel Has No Gas Future -Regulatory Zeal Undermines Deals

Globes Israel Business Arena has two stories about the tawdry state of affairs regarding the stop in Israeli offshore energy exploration and development. The first, [“Antitrust uncertainty deters oil cos from coming to Israel”](#) explains why 100 companies in the international oil patch won’t think twice about doing business in Israel’s Exclusive Economic Zone:

> **Israel Oil and Gas Exploration Industries chairman Uri Aldubi says 100 companies contacted refused to come to Israel.**
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> “Doing business in Israel has thereby become nonviable for the few operators who considered coming here,” he complained. Finally, in his letter, Aldubi accused the regulators in Israel, including the Antitrust Authority director general and the Ministries of Finance and National Infrastructure, Energy, and Water Resources, of responsibility for the companies “halting their development processes for lack of an alternative, and many workers who could have been employed have been fired or not hired.”

The second illustrates, what happens when the you don;t honor contracts with existing developers on royalty splits, **[“Delek, Noble Energy sue state over royalties.”](#)**