

- The right of property is guaranteed, without any limitation for local and foreign investors alike.
- A regime of free currency exchange is guaranteed, without limitations for the inflow and outflow of capital, and remittance abroad of profits, interest and royalties.
- The freedom to import and export goods and services, excepting those deemed to affect public health and/or the state's security is guaranteed.
- Joint ventures among local and/or foreign companies are specifically recognized.
- Free currency convertibility is guaranteed.
- Freedom of production and marketing of goods and services as well as the free determination of prices, except those goods and services prohibited by law, is guaranteed.
- Investors may freely contract investment insurance inside the country or abroad. Foreign investment guarantees will be backed by bilateral or multilateral instruments that Bolivia has agreed or may agree with other nations or international organizations.
- The law provides for the creation of tax-free zones.
- The law supersedes any features that may be more restrictive in the Acuerdo de Cartagena.

Santa Cruz-Puerto Suarez Gas Pipeline Project

Bolivia and Brazil reached an agreement in 1989 for Bolivia to sell electrical energy to Brazil from a power plant to be built at the border town of Puerto Suarez. The contract requires Bolivia to have 450 MW available by December 1992. In the first year of operation, Bolivia must supply 1800 GWH (Gigawatt-hours) rising to 3000 GWH by the fourth year.

The production of the electrical energy to be supplied requires the provision of 150 MMCFD of natural gas. For that purpose, gasfields near Santa Cruz are to be developed and a pipeline 557 Km. long and 20" O.D, is to be built in Puerto Suarez. Nova Corporation of Alberta conducted the preliminary market study and pre-project report. Snam Progetti did the feasibility study and preliminary design in May 1989. The pipeline will require 2 metering stations, mainline valves, plus telemetering/telecommunications system.