

**INDÚSTRIAS NUCLEARES DO BRASIL  
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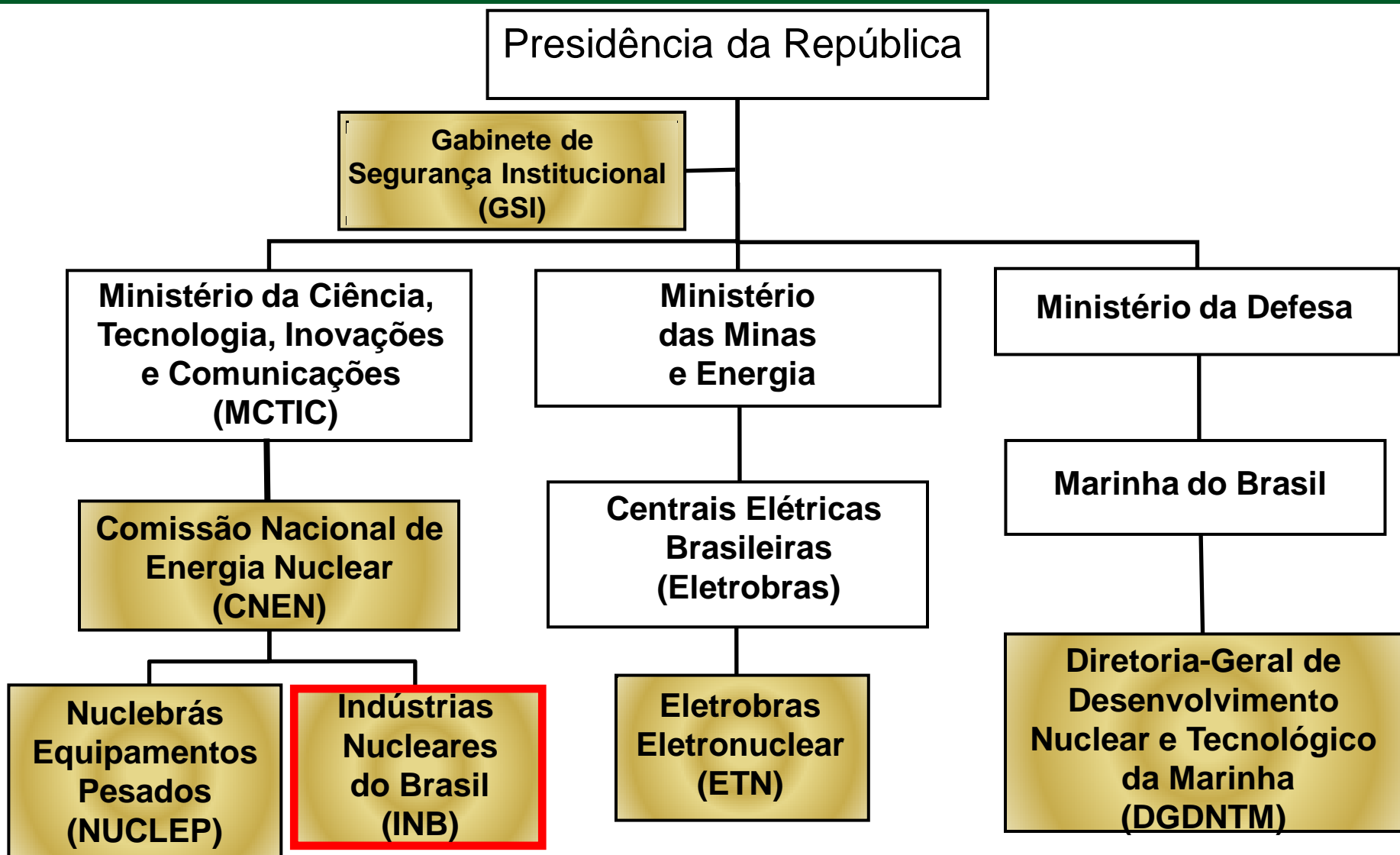
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# INB – Indústrias Nucleares do Brasil

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# Organization of Brazil's Nuclear Structure



# INB - Profile

- State owned
- Created in 1988
- Approx. 1,300 employees
- Annual budget - **US\$ 310 Millions**
- Products and Services - nuclear fuel cycle and heavy minerals processing (federal monopoly)

# NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE



**Mining** → Ore extraction and  $U_3O_8$  production



**Conversion** →  $U_3O_8$  to  $UF_6$



**Isotopic Enrichment** →  $UF_6$  - Increase  $U_{235}$  isotope concentration



**Reconversion** →  $UF_6$  to  $UO_2$  powder



**$UO_2$  Pellets** →  $UO_2$  pelletizing



**Fuel Assemblies** → Components manufacturing and fuel assembling

# INB – Mission

Provide products and services associated with the nuclear fuel cycle, for electric energy generation, with safety, quality and sustainability.

# INB – Branches





# INB – Nuclear Fuel Factory

**ENRICHMENT,  
UO<sub>2</sub> POWDER AND  
PELLETS PLANTS**

**FUEL ASSEMBLY  
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Mining  
and  
 $U_3O_8$   
Production



# INB – Mining and $U_3O_8$ production



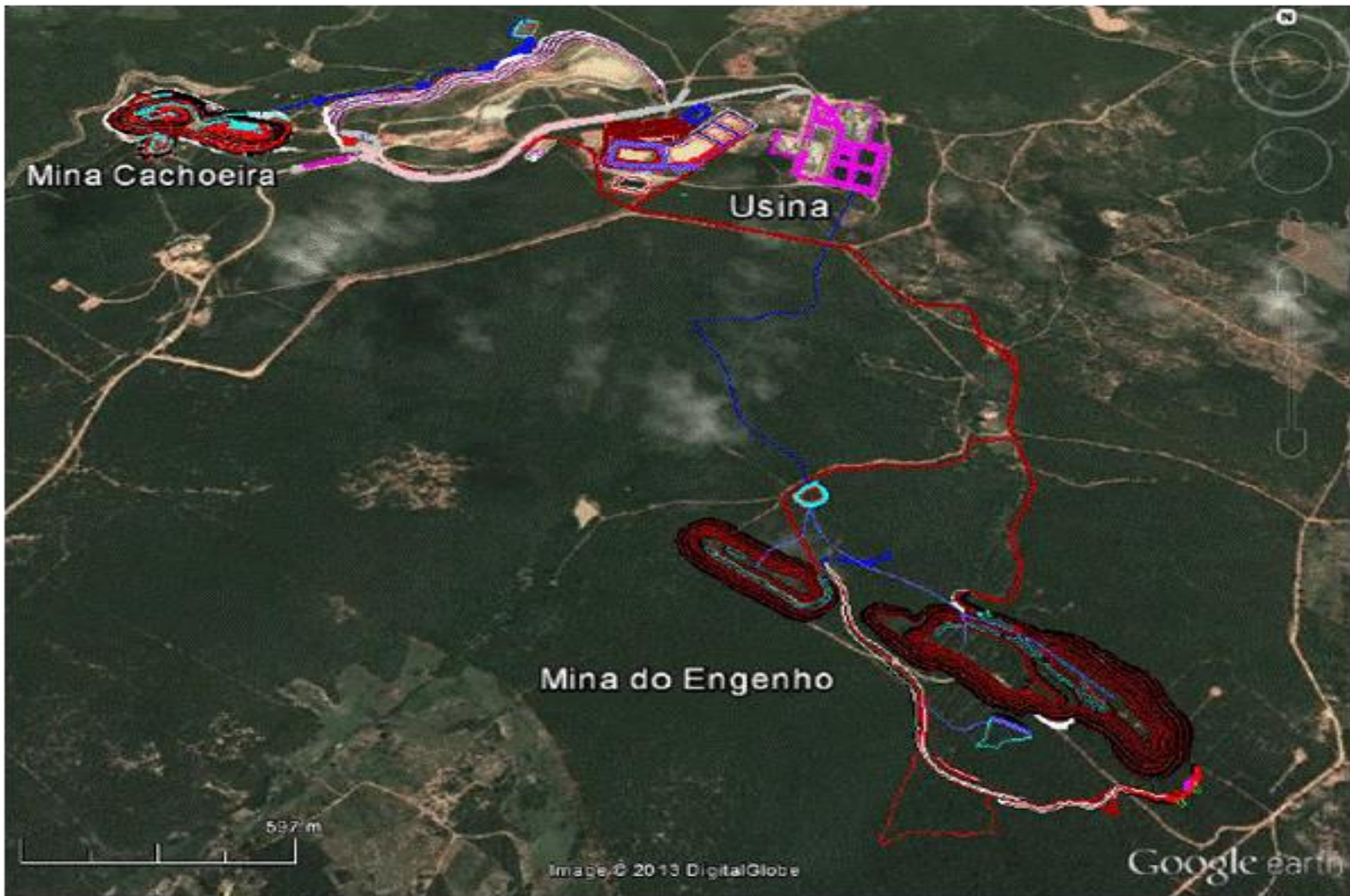
**Capacity - 400 t/yr  $U_3O_8$**

**Enough to supply Angra 1 and 2**





# Caetité – Site Overview



# Mining Projects



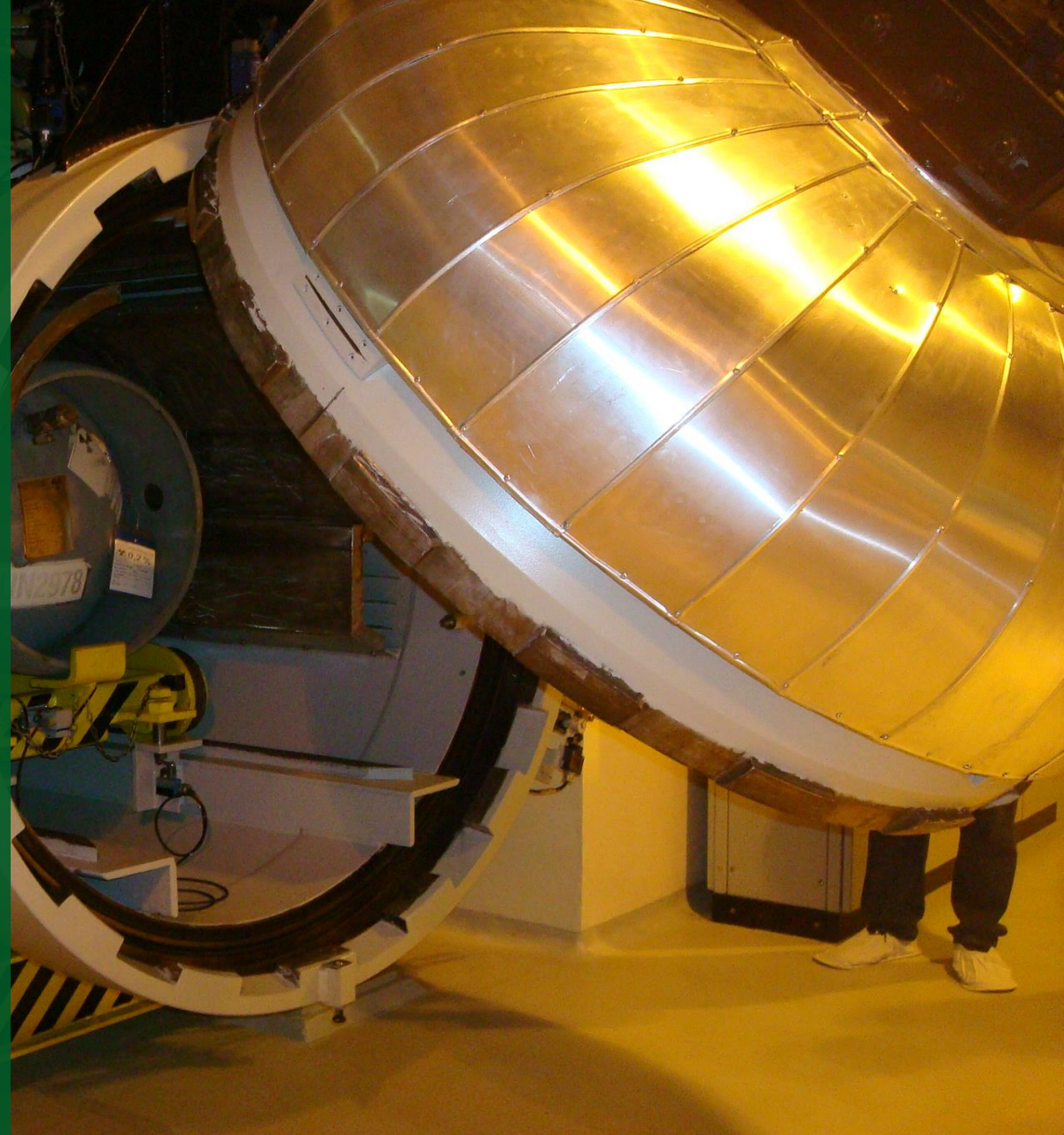
- ✓ Uranium Concentrate Production – Caetité-BA:
  - starting **Engenho Mine** (open sky)
  - starting **Cachoeira Mine** (under ground)
  - increasing the chemical plant capacity up to **800 t** of  $U_3O_8$ /yr
  
- ✓ Santa Quitéria - CE:
  - starting production until 2023 (consortium with a private phosphate producer)
  
- ✓ researching and prospecting new deposits: **Caetité, Rio Cristalino, Pitinga and Rio Preto**
  
- ✓ starting associations to allow **funding operations**



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# ISOTOPIC ENRICHMENT

ULTRACENTRIFUGATION





# INB - ISOTOPIC ENRICHMENT PLANT (RESENDE/RJ)



**FOUNDATIONS OF THE  
ULTRACENTRIFUGES**

**UF6 NATURAL FEED  
SYSTEM AUTOCLAVES**

**CASCADE  
ULTRACENTRIFUGES HALL**

# Isotopic Enrichment Projects

- ✓ continuing the implantation of the Uranium Isotopic Enrichment Plant:
  - **Fase 1 (10 cascades) - 70% Angra1**
    - cascades #1 to 6 in operation
    - cascade #7 comissioning - April 2018
    - cascade #10 comissioning - 2021
  
  - **Fase 2 (+30 cascades) - 100% Angra 1, 2 e 3**
    - licensing process
    - implantation – to start in 2021

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Reconversion





# POWDER PRODUCTION - $\text{UO}_2$

**Capacity - 160 t/yr  $\text{UO}_2$**

***Enough to supply – Angra 1, 2 and 3***





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UO<sub>2</sub> pellets  
production



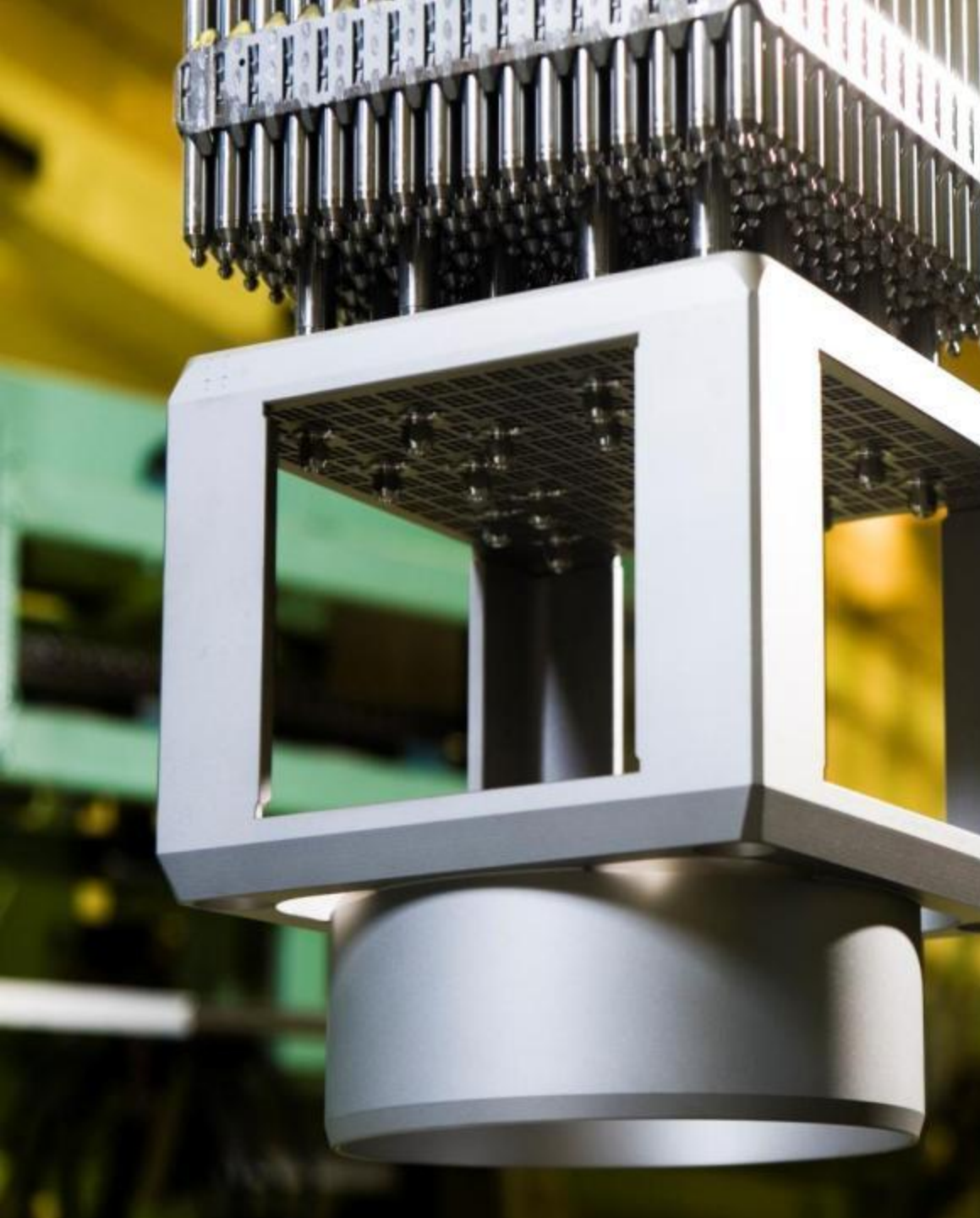


# PELLET PRODUCTION - $\text{UO}_2$

**Capacity - 120 t/yr  $\text{UO}_2$**

*Enough to supply Angra 1, 2 and 3*





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**Fuel  
Assembly  
Production**



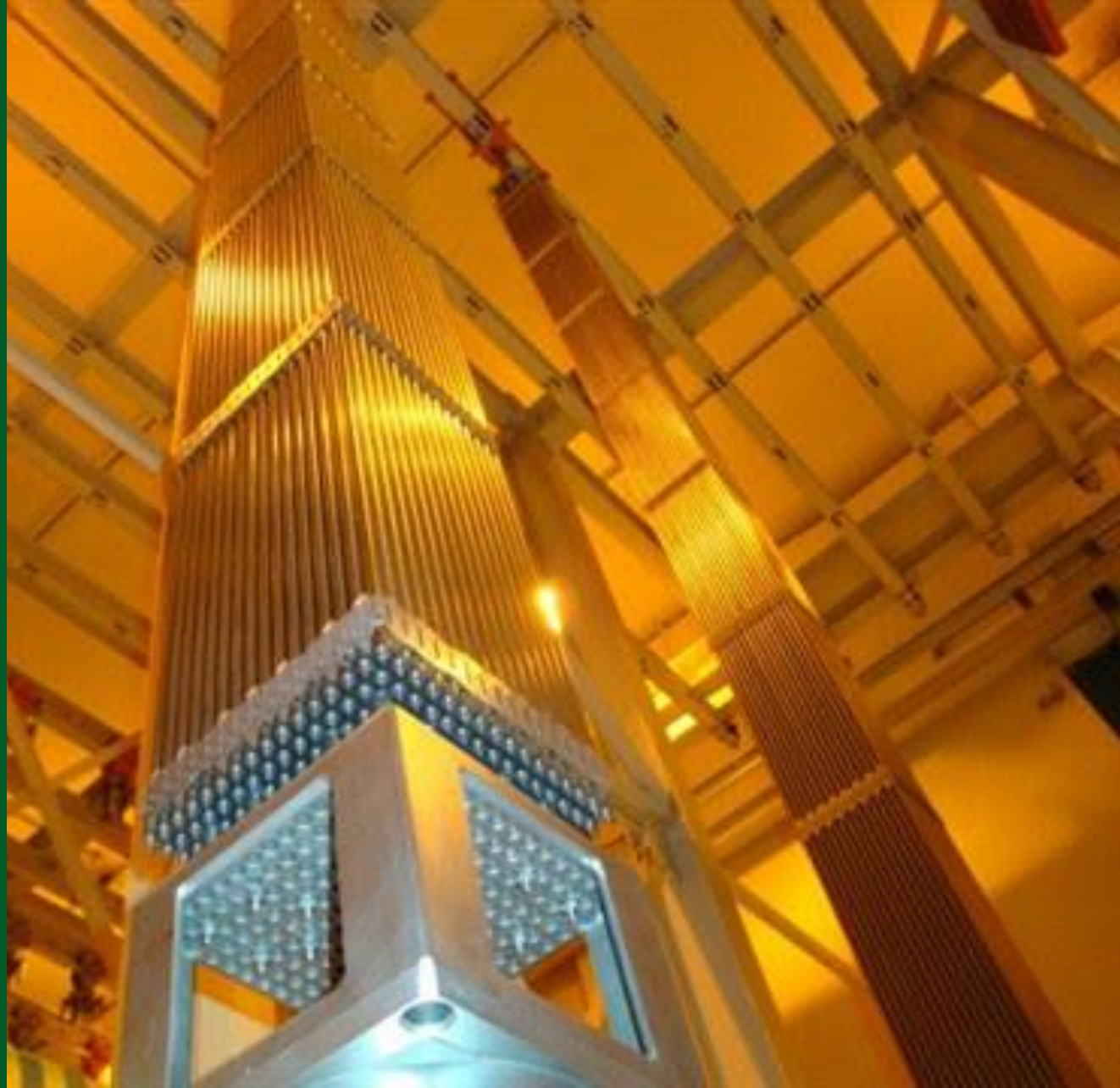
# FUEL ASSEMBLY PRODUCTION

**Capacity - 240 t/yr uranium**  
***Enough to supply Angra 1, 2 and 3***



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**Fuel Services**





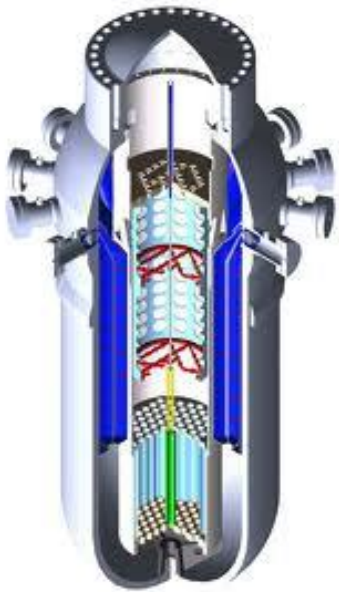
# Fuel Services

- Fuel handling
- Core load and unload
- Inspections and repair services
- Reactor floor services



# INB - International Partners

- enriched  $\text{UO}_2$  powder to reactors in Argentina
- enriched  $\text{UO}_2$  for nuclear fuel of research reactors



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# INB – Long Term Strategies



## Short Term (Next 12 months)

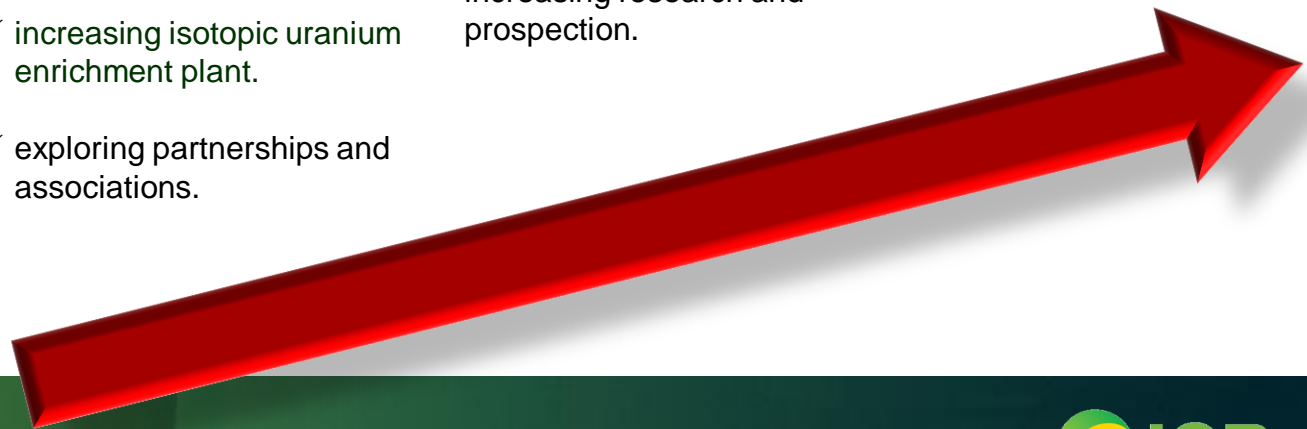
- ✓ restarting yellowcake ( $U_3O_8$ ) production.
- ✓ improving costs structure.
- ✓ increasing Human Resource Capacitation/ and manpower availability.
- ✓ increasing isotopic uranium enrichment plant.
- ✓ exploring partnerships and associations.

## Basis for Growth (2-4 years)

- ✓ increasing isotopic enrichment plant.
- ✓ applying plan for exploitation of known reserves.
- ✓ applying plan for selling yellowcake ( $U_3O_8$ ) surplus
- ✓ increasing research and prospection.

## Vision of Future (5-20 years)

- ✓ to be economically sustainable.
- ✓ producing +2,000 t/yr. of yellowcake ( $U_3O_8$ ).
- ✓ to be an exporter of uranium products and services.
- ✓ to be self-sufficient in isotopic uranium enrichment services.



# INB – Vision 2026

To be recognized as a supplier in the uranium international market, with excellence in business management, and looking for self-sufficiency and sustainability.

Thank you !



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