

# Estimated Lifetime = ELT = t

Estimated time before reaching the point of economical production of the hydrocarbons.

[ELT](#) (sometimes referred to as [t](#)) is measured in time units and is usually presented in years.

Unlike [RPR](#) it gives more realistic expectations of the resources end of life.

Meantime the [ELT](#) is only an estimation and it depends on numerous factors which may affect the production economics in future.

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