



**Minutes of OGA Board meeting on 20 September 2017
Chandos House, London, W1**

Members	In attendance
Sir Patrick Brown Chairman	Russell Richardson Company Secretary
Mary Hardy Non-executive Director	Fiona Gruber Board Secretary
Robert Armour Non-executive Director	Hedvig Ljungerud Director of Strategy
Frances Morris-Jones Non-executive Director	Iain Mathieson Onshore
Rebecca Vallance Shareholder Representative Director	Tom Wheeler Director of Regulation
Andy Samuel Chief Executive	
Nic Granger Chief Financial Officer	

Welcome and introductions

The Chairman welcomed board members to the meeting.

Nominations committee report

The board unanimously supported the nomination committee's recommendation to re-appoint Robert Armour as a director for a period of 3 years, on the same terms but reflecting the salary change agreed for all non-executive directors.

Minutes and matters arising

The board approved the minutes of the July meeting for signature. Progress of outstanding actions was noted. Directors noted that the board effectiveness review was expected to be conducted in December, reporting to the board in February 2018.

Conflicts of interest

No conflict of interest with any agenda item, nor as a result of new appointments, was declared by any member of the board.

Shareholder report

The Shareholder Representative updated the board on departmental business, including the outcome of the recent CFD auction. She confirmed that all the regulations which the shareholder team and the OGA had agreed were the top priorities should continue to be progressed and highlighted the importance of meeting the timetable.

The Minister of Energy and Industry attended the MER UK Forum at the OGA's Aberdeen headquarters.



The upstream and onshore oil and gas teams have now been combined and the combined team is led by the Shareholder Representative. A member of the partner organisations governance team is to be embedded in the Energy Development Unit directorate.

Onshore strategy

The Director of Strategy and Head of Onshore Policy presented a draft onshore strategy and set out the current context. The board agreed that it was important that the OGA should have an onshore strategy and that its objectives should have a clear legal basis. The board agreed that the strategy should focus solely on the technical, financial and economic viability of onshore exploration and production.

The board was clear that the OGA should not stray beyond its core remit and should be wary of increasing the burden on the organisation and industry. The strategy should clearly articulate the financial and time impact of any additional activity.

The board agreed that it would consider the onshore strategy again early in the new year.

Chief Executive report

The Chief Executive was gratified with feedback received on the OGA at the recent International Regulators Forum and was pleased with the impact the OGA made at Offshore Europe, where he underlined the importance of developing Area Plans with industry in the coming months. He was pleased to host a successful MER UK Forum in Aberdeen.

Whilst pleased to see the number of deals in progress, he remains concerned at the low level of exploration and hopes lessons are being learned from recent drilling activity. He and the chairman are continuing a constructive programme of meetings with senior oil and gas leaders.

Internally, he confirmed that a number of important posts had recently been filled and that the transition to a new IT system had gone well. He commended the team for having done a tremendous job of creating a strong platform for the future.

Finance report

The CFO updated the board on the OGA's current financial position.

Following constructive discussions across the OGA, the finance team has now reforecast the budget. Some projects have slowed and some activities assigned from contractors to permanent staff but there will be no overall impact on activity plan deliverables.

The CFO is pleased to report that staff understanding of public financing continues to improve and that staff have made sensible cost saving suggestions.

Future meetings

The October meeting will again be held in London, with the November meeting taking place in Middlesbrough. The board agreed amended timings for the December meeting in Aberdeen.



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There was no other business.

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Chairman

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