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North Sea Transition Steering Group meeting

16th November 2021

Meeting was held via MS Teams

Welcome and Introductions

- Andy Samuel opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Responsible Investment in a Low Carbon Future

- The Exploration Task Force (XTF) in collaboration with OGUK has published an investor focused pack 'Responsible Investment in a Low Carbon Future'.
- The pack is available on the XFT LinkedIn page: <https://lnkd.in/dtxiv4Np> and on the OGUK website: [Exploration Task Force Investment Pack: Responsible Investment for a low carbon future - OGUK](#).
- The pack highlights the opportunity to invest responsibly in accelerating decarbonisation and increasing sustainability of the UK oil and gas supply.
- The group were encouraged to share the pack with their organisations.
- Initial feedback has been positive.
- **Action Point:** Deirdre Michie to discuss with IOGP what more can be done to share the global picture around key emission metrics.

Climate Compatibility Checkpoint

- The date for the launch of the consultation has not yet been announced.

North Sea Transition Deal (NSTD)

- In the six months since the deal has been signed there has been a great deal of action. The focus is now moving to outcomes.
- A structured delivery plan has been developed, working with industry, BEIS and other key stakeholders.
- The 5 commitments in the deal are:
 - Supply decarbonisation
 - Carbon capture and storage
 - Hydrogen

- Supply chain transformation
- People and skills
- It was highlighted that there was a lot going on around hydrogen including new technologies.
- A supply chain strategy is being developed to address barriers currently inhibiting the UK supply chain organisations.
- NSTD milestones are mostly on track.
- Currently looking at how to track and communicate progress against the NSTD, shared KPI's are being established.
- The question was asked what areas were causing concern?
 - Continuing to deliver on the emissions reduction is important.
 - It was also highlighted that there were gaps in the supply chain with capacity, capability and competitiveness, this will need a joined-up resolve. This may require a senior debate.
 - It needs to be highlighted that more CCS projects will be needed. From an abatement impact CCS is one of the biggest focus areas for maintaining the industries licence to operate, scope and scale has to be built as quickly as possible.
- If industry demonstrates delivery on the deal this will help perceptions.

Electrification

- An Asset Stewardship Task Force (ASTF) sub-group was set up to look at electrification, there is commitment in the industry to make progress in this area.
- A wide range of electrification projects have been considered across the UKCS. There are a number of common issues across the projects and project specific issues that will need to be addressed.
- Resolution requires concerted action across industry and regulators who may have competing priorities.
- It was proposed that the ASTF electrification work group be replaced with a focussed Electrification Task Finish Group (TFG) reporting directly to the NST Steering Group, bringing renewed focus and drive to address the collective key issues. Scott Robertson, OGA and Jean-Luc Guiziou, TotalEnergies have volunteered to sponsor this group.
- This proposal was supported.
- It was discussed how certain areas seem to be further advanced than others.
- **Action:** Simon Roddy to feedback to the West of Shetland electrification group that the OGA highlighted it would like to see greater and faster progress on establishing tangible electrification deliverables with target dates.
- There are some good innovative technologies being developed which need to be shared. Some of these technologies would benefit from additional partnering/funding.
- Discussions/workshops need to be held with key stakeholders to look at planning, timelines and key milestones.

North Sea Transition Forum

- The next North Sea Transition Forum meeting will be held on 29th November.
- The agenda was discussed, and the following was put forward:
 - Welcome and introductions
 - Minister's update
 - North Sea Transition Deal
 - Licence to operate
 - General discussion
 - Closing remarks

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- It was highlighted that the TLB are still looking for a secondee.
- Jean-Luc highlighted the active engagement of the task forces and OGUK groups to progress on the North Sea Transition Deal which is a good sign of alignment across the industry.