



Exploration Task Force Meeting 3rd December 2018

Technology Update – Gillian White, OGTC

- A Subsurface Solution Centre has been set up at OGTC, this is the 6th solution centre.
- The draft road map for the solution centre was shared with the task force.
- The solution centre will be investing in technologies under 3 key themes:
 - Discover more - focus will be on data acquisition, data access and data analytics.
 - Develop more – will look at marginal developments, how to minimise the risk and uncertainty of the subsurface. They will also look at static reservoir characterisation and dynamic reservoir performance.
 - Recover more - will look at improving recovery from developments, including for example: automated reservoir management, EOR, 4D seismic and production optimisation.
- There will be short, medium and long-term goals.
- 2 short-term and 2 long-term projects have been identified.
- Each project will have an operator lead.
- Action Point: Gillian to check to see if the project proposals can be shared with the Exploration Task Force, together with a plan for data release.
- Action Point: Gillian to be invited back to the next meeting.

Exploration Forum

- A room has been booked at PROSPEX from 8am – 9.30am for the Exploration Forum, the meeting will start at 8.30am.

NDR Overview

- Nick Richardson shared the draft slides for the NDR update. Rod Crawford will deliver these at the meeting. Any comments on the slides should be sent to Nick.
- CDA will transfer to OGA and NDR will launch early 2019. This will be funded through the levy and will be open to everyone. There may be some small fees for accessing the data.

- Some gaps in the data base have built up over time and these will need to be filled.
- Information samples regulations have gone through parliament and are now in place. Currently waiting for guidance documents to be published, this will lay out the practicalities of how data should be reported to the OGA.
- Section 34 notices will be sent to companies advising that they have to report data to the OGA and that this data may be disclosed in the future.
- Advisory committee has been set up to oversee the transfer of the CDA to the OGA.
- The next step will be to change the structure of the data base, scoping will take place over the next year.
- It was agreed that the audience at the exploration manager forum would want to know the practicalities of how it would work and when it would go live.

Petroleum Systems Project

- Jon Parry will deliver this at the Exploration Forum.
- 13 companies have agreed to participate, 12 possible and 23 not interested. 14 companies have still to respond and there are still 18 companies to speak to.
- The presentation for the forum will go over the origins of the project, the objectives, deliverables and the benefits.

Licensing Improvements

- Katy Heidenreich will present this.
- 3 slides will be presented at the exploration Forum
- Slide 1 will cover what has been achieved since the introduction of the Innovate licence, some of the suggestions being put forward for changes would undo some of the good work that has been done through the implementation of this licence.
- The second slide will provide a high-level overview of what is being pursued and how to address some of the issues.
- The third slide describes what is in scope and what is out of scope, this slide will hopefully generate discussion.

Communications Update

- Jenny Morris has provided the OGA with an update in slide format for the XTF webpages on the OGA website, the OGA are currently working on this.
- It was agreed that there was a need to align and agree on the key event dates to put into an annual calendar. Jenny will circulate to get input from the task force.

Exploration Licence Data Release Guidance

- There will be an informal consultation process to clarify the processes that relate to existing legislation.
- Discussions have been ongoing for 4 years. The general outline has been road tested by 4 companies.
- The next step will be to circulate the document to the task force, which should be done in the next couple of weeks. The legacy data document will then be finalised.
- The documents will look similar but there will be differences e.g. the Go Forward data will be released under an open government licence. Legacy will be made available through a user agreement which will restrict commercial use of the data and protect the data owner.
- An overview of the timeframes for the release of data was provided to the task force.
- The question was asked if a similar presentation could be given for well data release. Nick Richardson agreed to look at this.

Barriers to Exploration

- OGA has looked at the barriers to exploration and how these could be resolved.
- Nick shared some of the slides that Gunther Newcombe will present at PROSPEX.
- Problem is that there has been a low annual well count since 2011, at this level of activity there will be no way to meet the target of 200million barrels a year discovered through exploration.
- The barriers identified are:
 - Data Access and Availability
 - Work Programme execution
 - Infrastructure Constraints and at-risk acreage
 - Recognising value
 - Lack of capital
 - Human resources and supply chain
 - Risk thresholds
 - Fiscal regime

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- It was agreed that the next meeting should be in the 1st week of March.