



Exploration Task Force (XTF) Meeting 21st May 2019

Stewardship Expectations

- Nick Richardson gave an update on the revised OGA Stewardship Expectations.
- The OGA have consulted widely with industry on these.
- These will be published on the OGA website in July and workshops will be held at Offshore Europe in September.

UKCS Petroleum Systems Project

- In progress of getting products from year 1 ready for publication. This will be included in the 32nd licensing round pack.
- All the license holders have been written to regarding participating in future years.
- Current status is that only £476,000 committed, to make the project worthwhile £1m is needed for each year.
- Following discussion, it was agreed to pause the project and review in December when industry will have seen the products from the first year of the project.

NNS – Missed Pay Project

- OGTC provided an overview of the current status of the 4 projects being taken forward.
- The projects have taken a considerable time to set up, but lessons have been learned and will be put in place for future projects.
- There was a discussion on whether the data produced would be released to everyone or remain with those who participated in the projects. The XTF view was that as much data as possible should be put into the NDR and into the public domain.
- **Action Point:** Katie Heidenreich to check with OGUK legal team on whether there are any guidelines for dealing with legal teams

Oil and Gas UK Update

Reserves Progress Update

- Reserves progression is an initiative sponsored by the Asset Stewardship Task force (ASTF).
- Their key deliverable was the development of a 'self assessment tool' which describes what good looks like for improving reserves progression. This will be trailed with ASTF members and additional volunteers.
- The tool will be published before a planned workshop in September.
- I XTF members would like to get involved and find out more information they should contact Katie Heidenreich

Competative Well Delivery

Katy provided an overview of the work being done with the wells community to unlock all types of wells including exploration wells.

- Work has been carried out across a number of workstreams with some good examples of improved performance
- The group has been refreshed and priorities have been identified which are consistent with the OGA wells strategy.
- Focus for the task group are:
 - Right scoping principals
 - Operator and supply chain principles
 - Lean executive and perfect performance

Wells Operatorship

- At beginning of this year the OGA shared some of the reasons why wells were delayed – One of the reasons were due to the challenges with permitting and understanding well operatorship requirements and regulatory requirements.
- It has been agreed that OGUK will work with the OGA and the Competent Authority towards delivering a workshop by the end of this year.
- OGUK will provide further details when they are available.
- Work is also being done by the OGA and the Competent Authority to improve understand of the regulatory requirements for well operatorship.

Well Reviews

- OGUK have had challenges in getting well look backs.
- At the last OGUK exploration managers meeting there was a discussion on whether there could be a more systematic release of post well data. Could well review data 2 years after the well and making it available on a well by well basis.
- There is concern that this may not be welcomed across the industry and the XTF were asked for their views.

- Individual well data may be problematic it may easier to get aggregated data.

Licensing Improvements

- It was recognised that OGA has already done a lot of work to improve the license process.
- A high-level process map was shared with the group. It was recognised that that there was some process that could not be speeded up.
- It was suggested that some sort of traffic light system could be used to show operators what stages of the process a license round was at.
- It was agreed that Katie Heidenreich would share the licensing process map at the next exploration managers forum.

Exploration Managers Forum

- The Exploration Managers Forum will be held on the 20th June at the National History Museum in London.
- Thanks were given to Total for sponsoring the event.
- So far there have been 70 acceptances.
- Proposed items for the agenda:
 - 32nd Licensing round
 - Licensing improvements
 - Norwich highlights
 - Well operatorship
- It was suggested to have some sort of pod cast video stream. The event could be video and put on-line after the event.
- **Action Point:** The invitation to be sent out to the XTF members and recirculated more widely

AOB

- The XFT agreed that presentation etc should be uploaded to the website and that the website should be used more widely.
- Next meeting will be a field trip dates will be provided for w/c 9th or 16th Sept.

Action and Resolutions

Priority	Actions	Progress	Who/When
NNS missed pay project	Check with OGUK legal team on whether there are any guidelines for dealing with legal teams		Katie Heidenreich
	The invitation to be sent out to the XTF members and recirculated more widely		Nick Richardson Katie Heidenreich

Actions from previous meetings

Priority	Actions	Progress	Who/When
Technology	Nick Richardson to share with the XTF the OGTC slides from the meeting		NR End Feb
Exploration Managers Forum	Task force members to forward any suggestions for industry led topics for the next Explorations Managers Forum to Nick T and Nick R		All End April
Licence Review	Katy Heidenreich to send out summary of results of the licence review survey carried out at the exploration managers forum. Consideration to be given to opening the survey to a much wider group		KH
Seismic Data Release Guidance	OGA to share draft guidance with XTF members for comment		NR Q1 2019
Projects	XTF members to consider getting involved in task force projects. Inform Nick T/Nick R if interested in any projects	On-going	All
Geophysical Technologies	It was agreed that it would be worthwhile to hold further workshops and a 'show and tell' on some of the new techniques <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These are to be arranged for Sept/Oct • Phil to investigate what data can be release for sharing 	On-hold – SPE Seismic Conference in May 2019	On-hold
Revitalise exploration: Promote exploration and incentivise investment	<u>Communication of activities:</u> To aid transparency and to effectively communicate the work of the XTF with the wider industry, including potential overseas investors, the Board agreed they would continue to use the Exploration Managers Forum (for UK based industry), and also strongly encourage and support OGA attendance at key industry events, both in the UK and overseas, such as	Next exploration managers forum will be held in June around the time of the licensing round launch	On-going All

	PROSPEX, NAPE, AAPG and EAGE.		
Seismic Technology Seminar	Katy Heidenreich to explore	O&GUK aiming to organise seminar in 2019	On-going
Machine Learning	XTF to sponsor this activity and support further OGTC Task-Finish Group workshops. Need for quick wins	Project difficulties due to legal and contract via OGTC	OGTC On-going