



Minutes of OGA Board meeting on 18th June 2020
10:00-12:30
By video conference

Directors	In attendance
Tim Eggar Chairman	Rita Wadey (item 8) BEIS Deputy Director, Hydrogen Economy
Frances Morris-Jones Non-executive Director	Will Lochhead (item 8) BEIS Deputy Director, Hydrogen and Industry CCUS Business Models and Projects
Robert Armour Non-executive Director	Russell Richardson Company Secretary
Mary Hardy Non-executive Director	Fiona Gruber Board Secretary
Emily Bourne Shareholder Representative Director	
Andy Samuel Chief Executive	
Nic Granger Chief Financial Officer	
Iain Lanaghan Non-executive Director	

1. Welcome and introductions

The Chairman welcomed Directors to the meeting.

2. Minutes and matters arising

The Board approved the minutes of the June meeting and reviewed the action log.

Mary Hardy disclosed a new time commitment, having been appointed Honorary Commander in the Royal Navy Reserve.

Iain Lanaghan confirmed that his induction, despite the unusual circumstances, had gone well.

3. Conflicts of interest

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

4. Committee reports

The Audit and Risk Committee met on 16th June to review the 2019-20 Annual Report and Accounts and agreed to recommend it for Board approval. The Remuneration committee met on 20th May.



5. Safety and environment report

The Board discussed the Chief Executive's update on safety and environment performance.

6. Chief Executive report

The Chief Executive was very encouraged to report an extremely high response rate to the staff wellbeing survey and a very positive response from staff, who feel well supported whilst working from home. Survey responses are informing the OGA's plans for a safe return to the offices in due course.

The Board thanked the executive for their impressive and thorough response to the sudden change in working practices, clearly borne out in the strong staff feedback.

The Chief Executive chaired the MER UK Forum on 11th June which acknowledged the huge industry effort in response to the crisis.

The Chief Executive, collaborating closely with industry and governments, is working intensively to develop a recovery plan to help get people back to work. The OGA has also identified opportunities to accelerate the future in the UKCS by helping to stimulate a green recovery.

7. Shareholder update

The Shareholder Director updated the Board on BEIS's continuing Covid-19 response work and emerging plans to re-open the economy. A significant amount of BEIS policy work has been reprioritised to release staff for Covid-19 response and recovery work.

8. BEIS hydrogen presentation

The BEIS Deputy Director, Hydrogen Economy, presented a comprehensive overview of hydrogen's potential role in the energy transition, covering opportunities from heat and gas replacement, hydrogen as an enabler for electrification, fuel switching for high temperature processes and heavy transport and the emissions reduction potential of methane reformation and CCUS.

The BEIS Deputy Director, Hydrogen and Industry CCUS Business Models and Projects, set out the potential hydrogen business models which are being considered.

The Board welcomed the very useful update and thanked the BEIS team for their close collaboration with the OGA on the Energy Integration project. The Board underlined the heightened interest of the oil and gas industry in investing in technology for hydrogen and the solid engineering skills base in the industry which can be leveraged to support the energy transition.

9. CFO report

The CFO reported that, following the ongoing reprioritisation, the Leadership Team has moved some programme spend to a central budget. Underspends to date are due to deprioritised recruitment.



10. 2019-20 Annual Report and Accounts

On the recommendation of the Audit and Risk Committee, the Board approved the 2019-20 Annual Report and Accounts.

11. Board agenda planning

The Board hoped to meet again in person as soon as practicable.

There was no other business.

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Chairman

16th July 2020

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Date