



PURPOSE: To revitalise exploration in the UKCS in order to add reserves to replace production and secure longevity of the North Sea

REPORTS TO: MER UK Forum

RELEVANT SUBGROUPS: Licensing Sub-group, Seismic Group Shoot Sub-group

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gunther Newcombe (OGA), Nick Richardson (OGA), Chuck Guderjahn (BP), Ruud Zoon (Engie), Phil Kirk (Chrysaor), Oonagh Werngren (Oil & Gas UK), Roberto Cerro (ENI), Tom Dreyer (Statoil), Ron Roberts (Apache), Karis Vieira (Oil & Gas UK)

Apologies: Kaj Hemmes (Shell), Jon Parry (DONG)

Priority	Actions arising	Who	When
Revitalise exploration: Promote exploration and incentivise investment	Speak to Graham Smith regarding his request to join the Exploration Board	PK	
	Regulatory Framework Complexity discussion OGA, DECC & HSE	GN	Meeting 24/02/2016
	Fiscal Progress update	GN	01/03/2016
Technical understanding: Improve technical understanding of the UKCS potential and undertake successful exploration campaigns	Confirm if secondees available to join OGA to project manage 2016 seismic acquisition	All board	12/02/2016
	Develop proposal to identify where 2016 seismic acquisition should be shot utilizing Seismic Programme Board established in 2015	NR	1/03/16
	Update and kick off tender process for 2016 seismic acquisition		
	Select two proposed areas for group shoots in 2017 for review by board	Group shoot subgroup	Next meeting
	Develop proposal to link future group shoots to licensing rounds	OGA	Next meeting
Licensing: Optimise licensing terms and conditions to maximise frontier and mature potential	Review & network 29 th licensing round proposal – revised pack issued by GN (6/2)	Board	15/2/2016
	Following board review, distribute revised 29 th license round proposal to EMF for feedback	NR	Before 01/03/2016 EMF
	Continue to develop appropriate marking system for 29 th licensing round and distribute with proposal for 29 th round	NR	Before 01/03/2016 EMF

ALL OTHER ACTIONS STATUS Not yet commenced / In progress / Complete

Priority	Actions	Progress update/next steps	Who	When
Revitalise exploration: Promote exploration and	Change terminology in slides to remove		OGA	December

incentivise investment	reference to "no more dry holes"			
	Share list of events that OGA intends to use to promote with Board	Complete	NR	02/02/2016
Technical understanding: Improve technical understanding of the UKCS potential and undertake successful exploration campaigns	Develop framework for industry group-shoot	Initial ideas presented to board	KH, TD	January
Licensing: Optimise licensing terms and conditions to maximise frontier and mature potential	Develop & distribute TOR for the licensing strategy, outlining clear deliverables and timeframe	Complete	NR	December

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