

MER UK Forum

Decommissioning Board Actions and Resolutions

Meeting Date: July 18th 2016

PURPOSE: Establish a respected, stable & sustainable decommissioning industry, effectively minimising costs & maximising economic recovery through collaboration & fit for purpose lifecycle planning, policies, solutions & execution

REPORTS TO: MER UK Forum

RELEVANT SUBGROUPS: 1) Cost Reduction, 2) Delivery Capability, 3) Scope, Guidance and Stakeholder Engagement

MEMBERS PRESENT: Win Thornton (BP), David Farthing, S McColl (ConocoPhillips), Audrey Banner (BEIS) Roger Esson (Decom North Sea), Jim Christie, Ian Fozdar, (Oil & Gas Authority), Brian James (Perenco), Sam Long (Petrofac), Nigel Lees (Wood Group PSN), Alistair Hope (Shell), Matt Bett (Halliburton), M Fidler (Scottish Enterprise), R Smith (Awilco) Marian Bruce (OGA, Secretariat)

Priority	Actions arising	Who	When
Overall	Clarity to be provided to board on recent government/departmental changes	Audrey B (BEIS)	End August 16
	Look at IOGP/CCI processes for dealing with competition law	lan F (OGA)	
	Submit draft Decommissioning Delivery Programme to Board	Jim C (OGA)	
	Board to consider topics for presenting at next board meeting	All	
	Contact BSEE to help understand different regulatory regimes to enable comparisons to be made with Gulf of Mexico	Audrey B (BEIS)	
	Investigate how Decommissioning Board can work with Technology Leadership Board	Jim C (OGA) Carlo P (OGA)	
	Cascade email regarding strategic EIA's	Audrey B (BEIS)	
	OGA to work with ConocoPhillips on how SNS workgroup can be taken forward	Jim C (OGA) D Farthing (CP)	

ALL OTHER ACTIONS STATUS

Not yet commenced / In progress / Complete

Area	Actions	Progress and Status	Who	When
General	Decommissioning Board	To be discussed in the	Jim C	
	Terms of Reference (ToR)	Board meeting May 17	(OGA)	
	to be issued in two-page	2016. Questions regarding		
	format	purpose and effectiveness		
		of board were shared in		
		meeting Replaced by new action		
	Deliver OGA draft Strategy	Draft Strategy document	Jim C	Complete
	Deliver 33/1 draft Strategy	issued for review and	(OGA)	Complete
		comment. Review invited	(00)	
		from a wider audience.		
		Publication scheduled for		
		June. Published July		
	Re-shape	OGA/DECC strengthening	Jim C	End Q2
	decommissioning regime	process and investigating	(OGA)	2016
	to unlock UKCS	commercial options		
	investment			
	Present how the HSE,	Workshop to be held in	Jim C	
	DECC and OGA interact	August – output will be	(OGA)	
	and work together and	shared	Audrey B	
	present themselves to		(BEIS)	
	industry			
Cost	Increase transparency of	To be worked in Market	Min T (DD)	End Q2
Reduction	Increase transparency of decommissioning demand	Transparency and	Win T (BP)	2016
reduction	decommissioning demand	Knowledge Share sub-		2010
		stream. Replaced by the		
		cost reduction work		
		streams		
	Hold discussion on draft	Discussions took place	Win T (BP)	End Q2
	TOR and agree next steps	and Tor has been	Jim C	2016
	to take including sub-	updated. Review and	(OGA)	
	stream population	Board agreement yet to be finalised		
Delivery	Hold discussion on draft	Discussions took place	Craig S	17 May
Capability	TOR and agree next step	and ToR has been	(AMEC	17 May
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	stream population	Boards agreement yet to	Jim Ć	
		be finalised	(OGA)	
	Oil & Gas UK Legal Forum	OGA has appointed legal	lan F	17 May
	to be engaged to formulate	counsel	(OGA)	16
	industry interpretation of			
	competition law constraints			
	Constraints			
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	Opinion to be sought from Competition & Market Authority on one area of Competition Law uncertainly/ambiguity possible limited collaboration	OGA is working with CMA to present a case study	lan F (OGA)	End Q3 2016
Regulatory Guidance	Hold discussion on draft TOR and agree next steps to take including sub- stream population	Draft ToR has been updated. Discussion yet to take place. Review and Boards agreement yet to be finalised.	Michael T (OGUK) Jim C (OGA)	17 May 2016
	DECC was asked if it could provide guidance on how and integrated EIA survey could be done	Pauline Innes, DECC sent email	Pauline I (DECC) Jim C (OGA)	
	Alignment workshop to be held with Theme leads, OGA, OGUK and DECC		Michael T (OGUK)	June 2016

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