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## Executive Summary

As part of the Peterhead CCS project the Goldeneye platform will undergo a change of use from a hydrocarbons producing field to a CO<sub>2</sub> injection field. It is therefore necessary to demonstrate that the Goldeneye wells can perform as desired under the new conditions and retain integrity under prolonged exposure to CO<sub>2</sub> during the injection phase and storage lifetime. The purpose of this document is to provide an overview of the injection conditions, an understanding of well requirements and to evaluate the suitability of the components of well construction. It provides assurance that the basis for the selection of the concept for the completions and well intervention design is sound.

This document provides an overview of all the components (existing and proposed) that form part of the wells and their capability to perform under the required conditions as laid out in the Well Functional Specification, document no. PCCS-05-PT-ZW-7180-00005, Key Knowledge Deliverable no. 11.098. Areas that have been considered in this report include the conductor and casing, cementation, upper and lower completion, material selection, monitoring requirements and well integrity over the lifecycle. The constructability of the selected concept is reviewed along with plans for future intervention.

The well hydraulic requirements and injection conditions impose an operating envelope on the well, this is addressed in the completion concept select and the selected concept allows for adequate flexibility in the injection regime.

Analysis of the conductor and surface casing indicates the casing is of sound design for the expected load cases for the duration of the extended field life. An additional survey has been recommended during the define phase to provide up to date inspection data on the casing condition. Exposure of the carbon steel production casing to CO<sub>2</sub> is to be limited by selection of suitable annulus fluid and placement of production packer.

From field results (SACROC wells), research, software modelling (Diana) and experimental data (shrinkage/expansion tests) it can be concluded that the existing Portland cement is suitable for CO<sub>2</sub> injection and storage. It is recommended that the cement quality and placement be evaluated by means such as CBL (cement bong logging) and USIT (UltraSonic Imager Tool).

There is no requirement to retrieve or replace the existing 13% Cr lower completion, it is recommended to maintain oxygen levels compatible with the well material. This is to be confirmed in the detailed design phase. In order to mitigate against effects such as plugging and erosion of the lower completion components it is recommended to limit the maximum particle size in the CO<sub>2</sub> injection fluid to be as low as 5 microns.

The existing upper completion is not suitable for the change of service and requires to be replaced. Various concepts have been evaluated and the Single tapered tubing (small tubing) concept has been selected. The operation involved in replacing the upper completion is standard within the industry. Elements of the proposed completion that require additional engineering have been highlighted to be progressed during the Define phase.

It is possible to perform intervention operations with wireline and slickline, the requirement for intervention is reduced by the incorporation of permanent downhole monitoring in the completion design.





## 1. Introduction

### 1.1. Goldeneye Key Data

Table 1-1: Goldeneye Key Data

Attribute	Key Data
Name	Goldeneye
Area	North Sea
Located	100 km northeast of St Fergus
Basin	South Halibut Basin of the Outer Moray Firth
Platform	Normally Unattended Installation (NUI)
Legs	4
Pipeline to Shore	102 km
Diameter	20" [508mm]
Reservoir	Lower cretaceous Captain sandstone

### 1.2. Existing Well Specification

Table 1-2: Current well specification

Attribute	Specification
<b>Onshore / Offshore</b>	Offshore
<b>Well type</b>	Hydrocarbon Producer (Suspended)
<b>DFE</b>	152.5ft [46.5m]
<b>Water depth</b>	395ft [120.4m]
<b>Number of wells</b>	5
<b>Top reservoir (TVDSS)</b>	8,300ft [2529.8m]

There are five existing wells in the Goldeneye platform initially drilled and completed to produce hydrocarbons from the Captain sands. The abbreviated well names are used in this document DTI 14/29a-A4Z (GYA02S1) is the sidetrack of DTI 14/29a-A4 (GYA02).

**Table 1-3: Existing hydrocarbon producer wells in Goldeneye platform**

Full well name	Abbreviated well name	Spudded (batch operations)
DTI 14/29a-A3	GYA01	8/12/2003
DTI 14/29a-A4Z	GYA02S1	13/12/2003
DTI 14/29a-A4	GYA02	13/12/2003
DTI 14/29a-A5	GYA03	19/12/2003
DTI 14/29a-A1	GYA04	5/12/2003
DTI 14/29a-A2	GYA05	2/12/2003

The field was granted CoP (Cessation of Production) from DECC (Department of Energy and Climate Change) in Q1 2011. There are therefore no plans to produce the wells in the future.

These wells can be used as CO<sub>2</sub> injectors or monitoring wells. Suspension plugs were installed in the existing production wells after the CoP declaration. Well schematics along with encountered formations are included in Appendix 1



Below is a simplified schematic of one of the existing wells (GYA01).

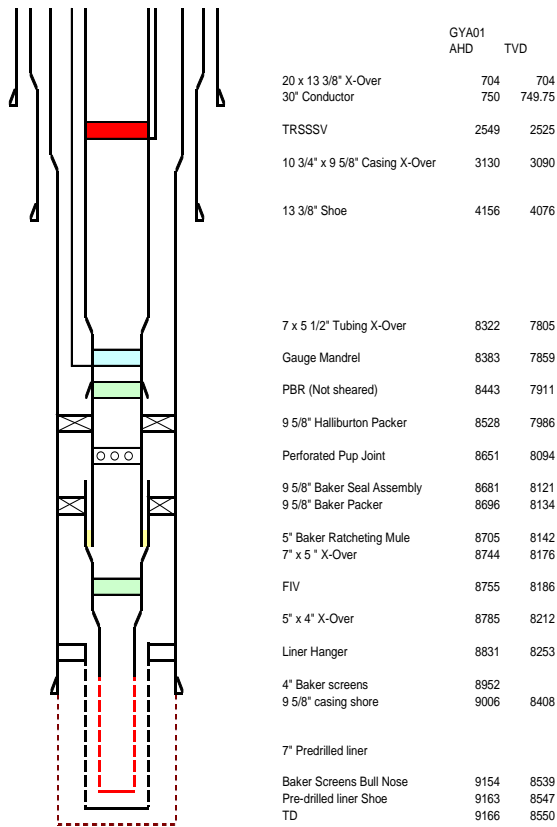


Figure 1-1: GYA01 (Existing well completion schematic)

The upper and lower completion specifications of the current completion are:

Upper Completion

TRSSSV 5.875", 7" tubing 6.184", 5" tubing 4.67", PDG 4.576", PBR 4.577", Packer 4.65"

Lower Completion

FIV 2.94", Screens 3.548", X-over 3.515"

[1"~25.4mm]

The maximum well deviation in Goldeneye wells

Table 1-4: Well deviation

Well Name	Max Hole Angle (degrees)
GYA-01	36
GYA-02S1	60
GYA-03	40
GYA-04	68
GYA-05	7



GYA03 is currently planned to be a monitoring well during the initial phase of injection. The well will be converted for CO<sub>2</sub> injection. Well GYA-02S1 is a sidetrack of the parent hole GYA-02.

### 1.3. Reservoir Characteristics

Table 1-5: Reservoir Characteristics

Attribute	Reservoir Characteristics
Type	Captain Sandstone
Formation temperature	<p>~83°C @ 8400ft [2560m] TVDss</p> <p>Reduction of temperature around the injectors due to cold CO<sub>2</sub> injection (~20 to 35°C bottom hole injection temperature)</p> <p>Reference Case 23°C bottom hole injection temperature</p>
Formation Water	<p>Present in the bottom of the well.</p> <p>Water will be initially at the sand face. Evidence of water from downhole pressure gauges in GYA03.</p> <p>Formation water around the wellbore will reduce significantly after 6 to 9 months of continuous CO<sub>2</sub> injection. However, water might come back to the formation is not enough CO<sub>2</sub> is injected in the well.</p>
Average Reservoir (Captain D) Porosity and Permeability	<p>~25% porosity / 790 mD permeability</p> <p>The Captain D is a clean sandstone with very high Net to Gross</p>
Pressure Regime	<p>(The pressure regime is given as an indication for general well/completion design selection. This will be re-calculation before any well operation and before working over the wells).</p> <p>An active aquifer supports the field. All the wells are currently shut in due to water breakthrough and isolated with deep and shallow downhole plugs.</p> <p>Depth: 8400ft TVDss</p> <p>Original Reservoir Pressure ~ 3830psi [264bara]</p> <p>Minimum Reservoir pressure after depletion ~ 2100psi [145bara]</p> <p>Current pressure is ~2620psi [180bara] (December 2013)</p> <p>Minimum expected reservoir pressure before CO<sub>2</sub> injection (~Year 2019): 2650psi [183bara]. Pressure Gradient Range (For reservoir pressure of 2650psi - 0.319 psia/ft [0.07216bar/m])</p> <p>Maximum expected reservoir pressure after 10 million tonne of CO<sub>2</sub>- (~Year 2031) 3450psi [238bar], Pressure Gradient: 0.416psi/ft [0.09410bar/m].</p> <p>This pressure information will be updated during FEED for the detail design of the wells.</p>



## 1.4. Fluid Characteristics

Table 1-6: Fluid Characteristics

Attribute	Fluid Characteristic												
CO <sub>2</sub>	<p>Almost pure dehydrated CO<sub>2</sub> will be available at the platform level</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Compound</th> <th>Fraction mol</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>CO<sub>2</sub></td> <td>0.999883</td> </tr> <tr> <td>N<sub>2</sub></td> <td>0.000061</td> </tr> <tr> <td>O<sub>2</sub></td> <td>0.000001</td> </tr> <tr> <td>H<sub>2</sub>O</td> <td>0.000050</td> </tr> <tr> <td>H<sub>2</sub></td> <td>0.000005</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>O<sub>2</sub> level specification is determined by the presence of 13Cr (13 percent chrome content metallurgy) material in the wells.</p>	Compound	Fraction mol	CO <sub>2</sub>	0.999883	N <sub>2</sub>	0.000061	O <sub>2</sub>	0.000001	H <sub>2</sub> O	0.000050	H <sub>2</sub>	0.000005
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Formation Water	<p>Water will be initially at the sand face. Water breakthrough observed in all wells during the production phase. Evidence of water from downhole pressure gauges in GYA03.</p> <p>Salinity- Total Dissolved Solids (TDS): ~56000ppm (52000ppm – Sodium Chloride - NaCl)</p> <p>Water level in the wells is currently not known.</p> <p>It is expected to have more water in the wells at the workover time due to aquifer presence.</p>												
Hydrocarbon	<p>Gas - Condensate</p> <p>0.37% mol CO<sub>2</sub></p> <p>0% H<sub>2</sub>S</p> <p>No solids production observed in the facilities</p> <p>There was a thin (7m) oil rim in the reservoir at original conditions.</p>												



## 1.5. Injection Rates and Condition

Table 1-7: Injection rate requirement

Attribute	Injection Rates and Condition
Total CO <sub>2</sub> available	<p>The project requires to inject 10 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub></p> <p>Design Rate (capacity of the capture plant): 138.3 tonnes/h equivalent to 63 MMscfd</p> <p>Normal Operating Conditions ~ 130 tonnes/h (59 MMscfd)</p> <p>Turndown Rate of surface facilities ~ 89.9 tonnes/h (65% of the design case, 41 MMscfd)</p> <p>It is estimated that the injection will take place over a period of 12 years for the 10 million tonnes including downtime.</p>
CO <sub>2</sub> fluctuation	<p>For the first 5 years of the injection, project will operate with turndown case of 75% (103.8 tonnes/h, 47 MMscfd)</p> <p>For the rest of the injection years, the turndown case will be 65%. All the surface equipment should be design to minimum turndown of 65%.</p> <p>The reference case is to operate the capture plant at base load (i.e. continuous flow) during the first five years on injection.</p> <p>Daily fluctuations between the design rate and the minimum (65% of the design rate) might be carried out after year 5 of injection.</p> <p>Frequent (daily) on and off periods of the capture plant are not planned.</p> <p>A limited packing capacity exists in the offshore pipeline operated in dense phase CO<sub>2</sub> (estimated to be between 2 to 4 hours of CO<sub>2</sub> injection depending on the conditions)</p>
Arrival Pressure and Temperature conditions	<p>The CO<sub>2</sub> will be transported to the platform in dense phase.</p> <p>The maximum pressure of the offshore pipeline is 120bar.</p> <p>The CO<sub>2</sub> will arrive cold to the platform according to the seabed temperature. Variations exist between summer and winter.</p>



## 1.6. Pressure and Temperature Condition

The wellhead temperature will range from 0.5°C to 10°C. The CO<sub>2</sub> stream arrival temperature to the platform will be between 2.3°C to 10.1°C depending mainly on seabed temperature. The wellhead temperature will also depend on the expansion degree of the CO<sub>2</sub> in the surface facilities.

The expected arrival temperature to the platform depends mainly on the sea temperature. Metocean data for the Goldeneye field indicates variation in sea temperature between summer and winter. The variation in the P50 seabed temperature is between 6°C and 10 °C. The P50 sea surface temperature has a variation between 7°C and 15 °C

The minimum arrival CO<sub>2</sub> temperature to the platform in winter is 2.3°C. The temperature drop between the seabed and the CO<sub>2</sub> arrival temperature is estimated at 1.7°C for winter conditions and approximately 1°C in summer.

The expected manifold conditions in winter is 5.3°C considering an average seabed temperature of 7°C and a temperature drop of 1.7°C at the riser.

**Table 1-8: Pressure and temperature condition**

Wellhead Pressure Temperature conditions	Minimum: 50 bara    Maximum: 115 bara			
	Minimum (Winter)	Operational (Winter)	Operational (Summer)	Maximum (Summer)
Goldeneye Site Air temperature, °C	-8.2			24.5
Goldeneye Site Sea surface temperature, °C	1.0			21.0
Goldeneye Sea bed temperature, °C	4.0	7	9	11.0
Arrival CO <sub>2</sub> temperature to the platform °C (120bar)	2.3	5.3	8	10.1
Isenthalpic expansion to 115bar, °C	2.2	5.2	7.9	10
Isenthalpic expansion to 50bar, °C	0.5	3.1	5.5	7.2

The current philosophy is to inject CO<sub>2</sub> in single phase liquid in the top of the well keeping wellhead pressures above the saturation line to avoid extremely low temperatures in the well caused by the Joule Thomson effect. It is anticipated that the difference between the minimum WH pressure and the CO<sub>2</sub> saturation pressure will prevent any potential damage to surface equipment. A minimum margin of 50psia [3.5bar] between the minimum WH injection pressure and the saturation pressure is suggested.

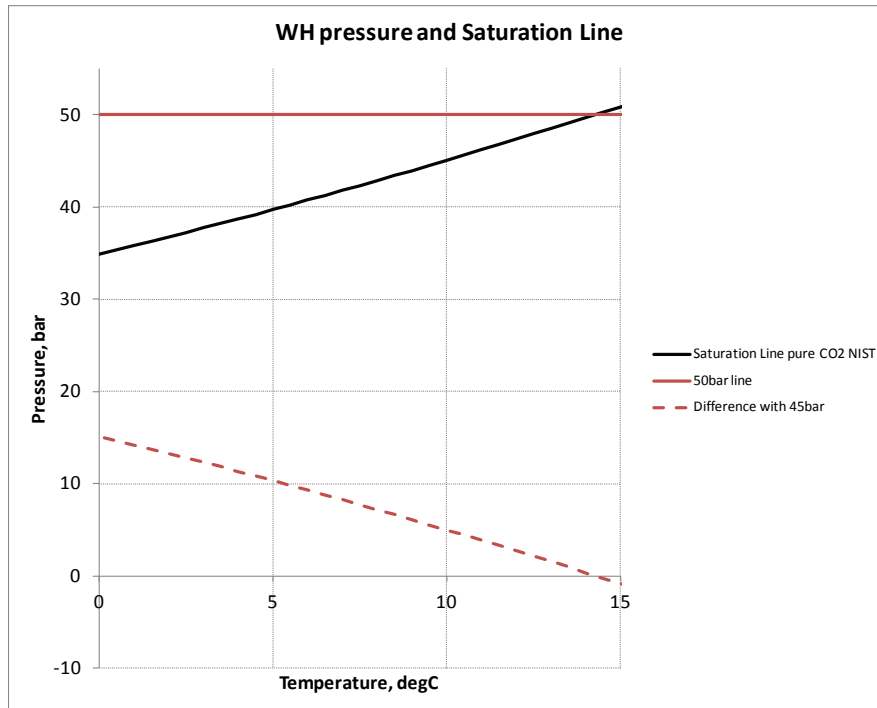


Figure 1-2: WH pressure requirement

The maximum expected manifold temperature is 10.1 °C. The saturation pressure for this temperature is 45.13bar. The minimum WH pressure for operating the wells is 48.63bar (45.13+3.5). A 50bar minimum pressure has been selected as the minimum WH pressure to operate the wells.

The maximum WH pressure is limited by the maximum allowable pipeline pressure. A CO<sub>2</sub> arrival pressure to the platform of 120bar [Units] has been highlighted.. Considering pressure drops in the surface equipment (filters, meters, valves, etc.) a maximum available pressure of 115bar at the wellhead has been used.

The Figure below shows the pressure and temperature traverse profile (GYA01) for WH pressure of ~50 bara and ~115 bara for reservoir pressure of 2,750 psia [190bar], 3,200 psia [221bar] and 3,800 psia [262bar] for CO<sub>2</sub> injection temperature of 4°C. The traverse profile will vary with change in completion type. It is observed from the graph that IBHT (injection bottom hole temperature) ranges from 20°C to 35°C during the injection field life.



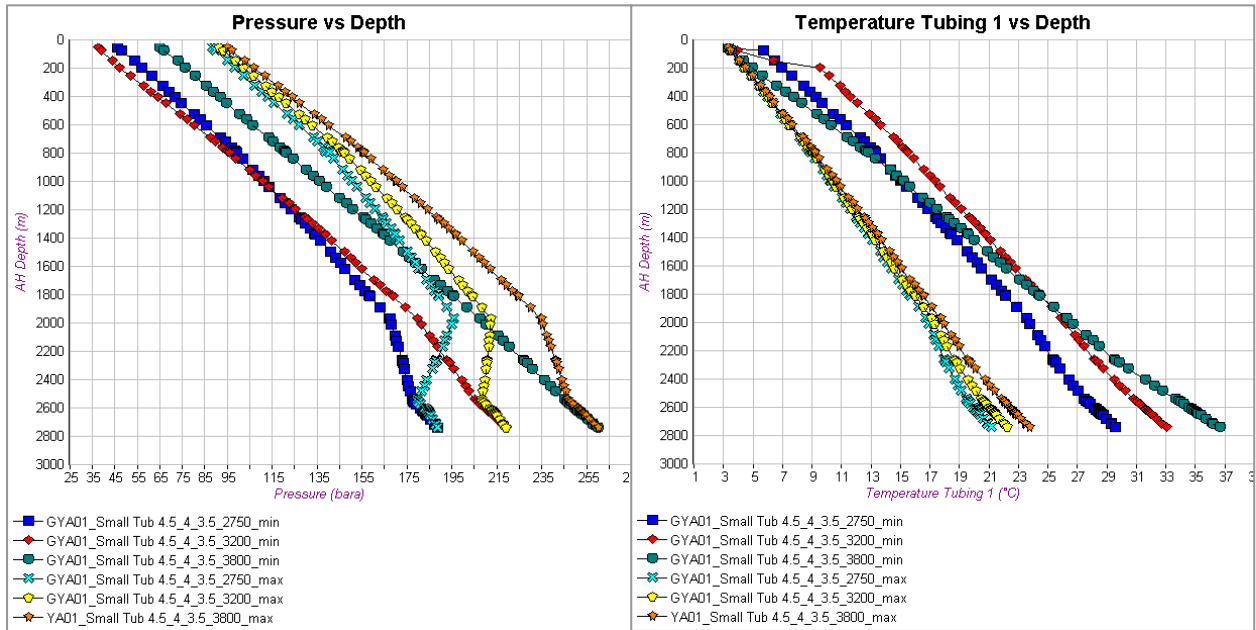


Figure 1-3: GYA01 pressure and temperature traverse profile

Pressure and temperature prediction for transient condition is critical. The operation procedure should aim to reduce the temperature drop in the wellbore (especially at the top of the well).

Below is a graph, which shows the CO<sub>2</sub> pressure and temperature conditions during injection in GYA01. The blue lines represent the wellhead and bottom hole pressure and temperature operating envelope. The pink curve represents the injection at 50 bara WH pressure and the green curve is for injection at 115 bara WH pressure.

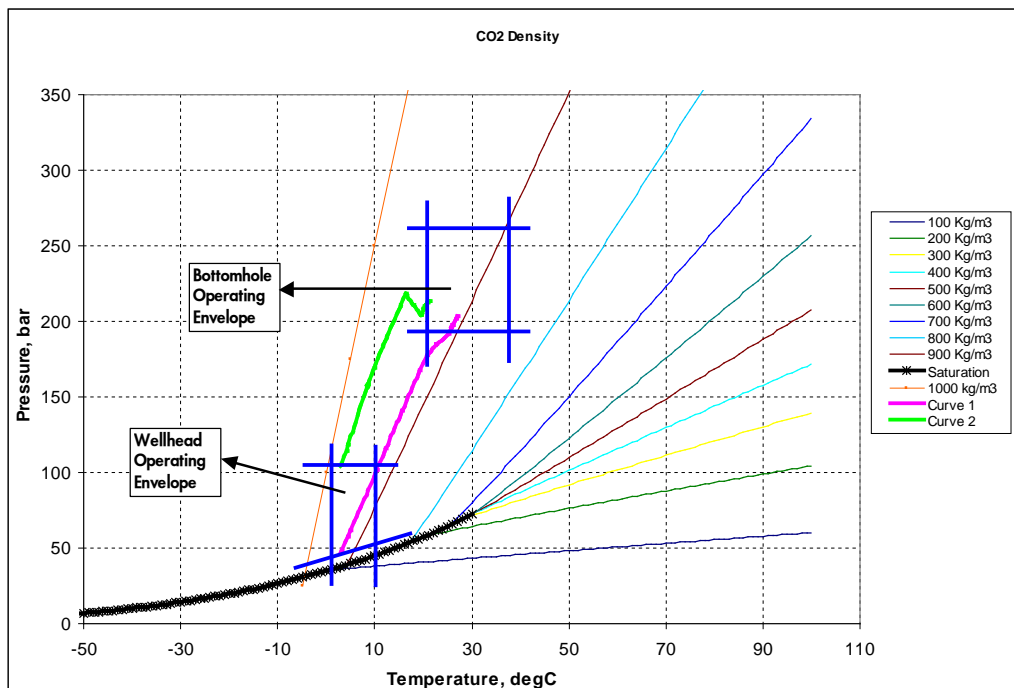


Figure 1-4: WH and BH pressure and temperature envelope



## 2. Wells Requirements

This section provides an overview of the basic well requirements for the project. Various aspects of well completion are listed which are required to ensure flawless CO<sub>2</sub> injection for the well life cycle. These requirements are categorised into six groups namely Hydraulics Requirements, Well Integrity and HSE, Well Modifications, Operational Aspects, In-well monitoring consideration and Life Cycle cost.

Hydraulic requirements in the injection wells include management of the CO<sub>2</sub> properties (JT expansion) and the resultant temperatures in the existing platform wells, varying injection pressures and injection rate flexibility.

Well Integrity and HSE outlines completion material and downhole completion equipment consideration.

Well modification includes aspects such as rig availability, complexity of initial well modification, interventions and future well abandonment aspects.

Operational aspects cover redundant injection well, minimum platform intervention and in-well interventions requirements.

In-well monitoring involves the equipment required to adequately monitor and manage the injector wells and vertical conformance of the CO<sub>2</sub>.

All the above also considers the Life cycle cost of the project.

The above-mentioned categorisation provides guidelines which can be used for the selection of Goldeneye well completion philosophy. An integrated approach with all above factors taken into consideration will ensure sustainability of CO<sub>2</sub> injection. The above requirements will help to narrow down the completion options. The in-depth design of the selected well completion will align with these well completion requirements.

### 2.1. Hydraulic Requirements

CO<sub>2</sub> will be injected in a single phase with wellhead pressures kept above the saturation line.

Injecting CO<sub>2</sub> can cause extremely low temperatures. The very low temperatures pose severe restrictions in terms of well design including special well materials and equipment and downhole freezing of well annuli.

To avoid the low temperatures, the CO<sub>2</sub> stream will be kept in single phase by increasing the required injection Wellhead (WH) Pressure above the saturation line. As a result WH temperature will be kept in the design range (above 0°C under steady state conditions) for the wells and operations. The CO<sub>2</sub> stream arrival temperature to the platform will range between 3°C to 10°C depending mainly on seabed temperature. Wellhead temperature will range from 0.1°C to 10°C, reference case being 3°C.

The required extra pressure drop in the well can be achieved by increasing friction; decreasing the tubing size leads to an increase of the velocity for a particular rate which in turn increases the frictional force in the tubing resulting in an increase of the WH pressure. With an appropriate change in the upper completion the WH Pressure may be increased to the extent that it lies above the saturation line. As such, the minimum WH Pressure in the well is determined by the requirement to operate the well in single phase.

When the reservoir pressure increases due to the CO<sub>2</sub> injection and aquifer presence, the well hydraulics will change, as even without the aid of pressure (friction or downhole choke), the CO<sub>2</sub> will be in single phase across the well.



By using multiple wells, several different completion sizes should be designed such that they can handle fluctuating injection rates arriving at the platform.

To accommodate the wide range in injection rates, tubing size optimization (in the case of CO<sub>2</sub> management by friction) is important. Different tubing sizes (from 3 ½” to 4 ½” [88.9mm to 114.3mm]) and different length mixes are anticipated for use due to the reasons mentioned above. Consideration will be given to the maximum allowable velocity in the tubing.

During transient operations (close-in and start-up operations), a temperature drop is observed at the top of the well for a short period of time. The faster the shut-in or faster the well opening operation, the less the resultant temperature drop. The cooling effect diminishes deeper into the well due to limited CO<sub>2</sub> flashing and heat transfer from surrounding wellbore.

The reservoir pressure affects the temperature calculation during the transient calculations. The lower the reservoir pressure, the lower is the surface temperature expected during transient operations and hence the higher the stresses/impact in terms of well design.

In summary, the expected transient conditions are as follows:

**Table 2-1: Results of transient calculations – design case (base oil in annulus)**

	Design Case	Operating case
Steady State CO <sub>2</sub> manifold T, °C	3	-
Steady State manifold P, bara	120.2	-
Reservoir Pressure, psia	2500 [172.4bar]	2500 [172.4bar]
Steady State Conditions		
WHP, bara	45	115
WH temperature, °C	1	4
BH temperature, °C	17	20
Transient conditions		
Close in operation, h	2	0.5
Start Up operation, h	2	1
Coldest temperature (wellhead)		
Fluid CO <sub>2</sub> , °C	-20	-17
Average tubing, °C	-15	-10
A annulus, °C	-11	-4
Production casing, °C	-10	-1

Strict operational procedures need to be implemented and adopted by the Goldeneye Well Operations Group to avoid extreme cooling of the well components due to temperature limitation of the well components.

Frequent opening-up and closing-in events should be avoided to limit the stresses in the well (temperature reduction during short periods of time) and to reduce the operational intensity in the wells.

Another activity that could lead to a temperature drop at the top of the well is the SSSV testing. This is explored in further detail in section 8. Selected Upper Completion Concept.

## 2.2. Well Integrity and HSE

Avoiding any leak path through the well is of primary importance. Integration of correct well completion design with operational aspects will ensure that the probability of CO<sub>2</sub> leaks through



wells is minimised as much as possible. To prevent any CO<sub>2</sub> leak path, current well investigation with respect to drilling/cementation and completion is necessary. Based on corrosion analysis, well completion design should consider long-term durability of well completion equipment. Seal sections and stagnant zones in the well completion are critical.

HSE aspects should be considered during the life cycle of the well (to cover well conversion from hydrocarbon production; to CO<sub>2</sub> injection; to final abandonment).

### **2.2.1. Fluids presence in the well**

Completion design should consider the presence of CO<sub>2</sub> and hydrocarbon (not only CO<sub>2</sub>).

First the injection wells will require well modifications. Hydrocarbons are currently present in the wells. With CO<sub>2</sub> injection, the hydrocarbons in the reservoir will be further displaced away from the well.

However, it is prudent to assume that the wells might always be in contact with some hydrocarbons. The Captain D is the main Goldeneye reservoir. The Captain E is open in the current lower completion; but the permeability is not as good as the Captain D. Hence the Captain E permeability limits the injection rate of CO<sub>2</sub> into the Captain E.

In case of an influx in the well, hydrocarbons will be present in the wellbore. The ratio of hydrocarbons to CO<sub>2</sub> will decrease with injection time. As such, the wells should always be treated as both hydrocarbon and CO<sub>2</sub> wells. The same will apply when well interventions are conducted post CO<sub>2</sub> injection start-up.

### **2.2.2. Completion material considerations**

All well completion material, including elastomers should be compatible with the injected fluid. Metallic materials like tubing, casing or completion components can suffer serious degradation due to corrosion mechanisms. The different mechanisms may depend on the chosen material in the completion design.

Free water plus the CO<sub>2</sub> will lead to dissolution of CO<sub>2</sub>, forming carbonic acid (H<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>). This leads to corrosion of carbon steel. For 13%Cr this is not considered a corrosion threat.

The existing well completion materials are 13%Cr (tubing, liner, screens and accessories) and carbon steel (casing strings). The material selection for the completion should take into account cases in which there is a possibility of presence of free water and oxygen in the feed gas. Material selection study will be performed to prevent any leaks in future through casing. Oxygen level should be controlled to 1ppm max in the phase gas (10ppb dissolved oxygen in the water phase) to prevent corrosion of 13%Cr.

A more detailed analysis of the casing and tubing material is included in subsequent sections. There is also a section dedicated to cement and its compatibility with the injected fluid.

## **2.3. Well modifications**

### **2.3.1. Rig availability**

In the case that a workover needs to be carried out then a heavy-duty jack up is required due to the 400ft [121.9m] water depth. There are a small number of jackups worldwide that can work in the water depth at Goldeneye location – around a dozen, with some of those on long-term contracts.



All completion types in terms of installation need to be analysed against Rig and possible alternative Rig-less options. Some completion types, for example dual completions can only be installed by use of a rig. During the FEED phase an effective procurement plan shall be formulated to address such needs.

### ***2.3.2. Complexity of the initial well modification***

The Peterhead CCS project is a demonstration project, hence a conservative approach might be taken towards the design and selection of the completion, whilst still pursuing new technology. The decision process should also take into consideration the complexity and experience in similar type of offshore environments.

### ***2.3.3. Special consideration during the initial intervention***

As the reservoir is depleted special measures are essential to ensure there is no impact on the injectivity in the wells and the screens/gravel pack.

The completion fluid should be compatible with the well construction in general considering the CO<sub>2</sub> aspects (Consider corrosion aspects at the 'A' annulus – 9 5/8" [244.5mm] casing is carbon steel). Long term reliability and effects in the bottomhole temperature should be key factors in this decision. The tubing fluid after workover should facilitate the initial CO<sub>2</sub> injection considering the CO<sub>2</sub> pressure limitations (~115bar available pressure).

### ***2.3.4. HSE aspects***

Completion selection should consider HSE aspects during the installation and operation phase. Some completion options have a higher exposure risk due to the complexity of the system. Traditionally the exposure is manageable in the oil industry.

The initial workover is considered standard for the oil industry, as the operations will have hydrocarbon conditions only. No workover is planned during CO<sub>2</sub> injection, but this cannot be completely ruled out (well integrity, abandonment).

### ***2.3.5. Facilitate future well abandonment***

The selected completion should facilitate the future abandonment of the wells. The system should lead to a reduction in futures expenses and technical complexities of the final well abandonment.

## **2.4. Operational Aspects**

### ***2.4.1. Redundant Injection Well***

To cover a varying range of injection conditions and in case of unforeseen problems in a particular injector well, it is proposed to complete an additional well as a CO<sub>2</sub> injector to the number of wells required to cover the injection range.

Under normal circumstances a redundant well will not be injecting, allowing monitoring of the reservoir in the area (reservoir pressure). It is envisaged that the redundant well will not always be the same well.



### **2.4.2. Minimum platform intervention**

The Goldeneye platform is normally unmanned although it does have some bed space. The selection of the completion option should consider that a minimum presence is to be maintained in the event that manipulation is required in the wells.

### **2.4.3. Well Intervention**

The completion should allow for well intervention by means of wireline or coil tubing for surveillance and potential remedial activities.

Well intervention is an important aspect to be considered with CO<sub>2</sub> injection. The considered completion types will have varying levels of difficulty regarding intervention either for surveillance or for remedial activities. Each completion type will be analysed against well intervention criteria.

Wireline and coiled tubing interventions may be limited due to either tubing size or to the way the well is completed. Downhole equipment with very small internal diameter may restrict intervention. These factors need to be considered before completion selection.

## **2.5. In-well Monitoring Consideration**

The ability to install in-well monitoring should be considered in the well completion design. Installation of monitoring devices is highly dependent on the type of well completion. As a minimum, the wellhead instrumentation will record pressure and temperature.

The requirement for in-well monitoring is:

High Priority: Permanent Downhole Gauges (PDG)

Medium Priority: Distributed Temperature System (DTS)

Low Priority: Multiple Point Pressure sensor (MPS), Distributed Acoustic system (DAS) and Geophones array.

There is a balance between data collection, well completion operations and costs.

### **2.5.1. Construction**

The ability to install in-well monitoring should be considered in the well completion design. The available space to install in-well monitoring will vary with each completion type.

The installation complexity of these devices will be dependent on the completion type and size. Factors such as SSSV depth and limited number of wellhead penetrations will play a role in deciding the downhole monitoring equipment.

### **2.5.2. Permanent Downhole Gauges**

It is a high priority in the wells to monitor the downhole pressure and temperature.

Down Hole Pressure Gauges (DHPG, PDG or PDHG) provide single point pressure measurements in wells. The DHPG will measure both temperature and pressure and are hence often referred to as P/T gauges.

The main reasons for installing the PDGS are:

- (i) Monitoring and understanding the CO<sub>2</sub> behavior in the tubing,
- (ii) Early identification of injectivity issues
- (iii) Monitoring of reservoir pressure to be able to calibrate the subsurface models

Additional reasons for their installation include:



- (i) Understanding of the well start-up,
- (ii) Identification of tubing leaks and
- (iii) In general it will help to understand any operational issue in the wells.

Due to the variation in density of the CO<sub>2</sub> with temperature it is an option to run pressure sensor in series.

### **2.5.3. DTS**

It is a medium priority in the wells to monitor the distributed temperature along the well in the injector.

Distributed Temperature Sensing (DTS) obtains temperature information through a fibre optic system based on backscattering of laser pulses. Installed in a well, the system measures the temperature continuously along the full length of the fibre optic cable. Changes in temperature that result from changing fluid mixtures or reservoir conditions can be monitored in detail. DTS will require fibre optic capabilities in the wells and on the platform.

The main reasons to install the system in the wells are:

- (i) Help in the optimisation of the wells start-up,
- (ii) Tubing leak identification and
- (iii) Potential identification of out of zone injection.

### **2.5.4. Other in-well equipment**

MPS (Multiple Pressure Sensors) can be used to optimise the well hydraulics in the wells. It is possible to combine the DTS with the MPS system using similar cables. It is currently available on the market.

DAS (Distributed Acoustic Sensing) is a technology under development that turns a single mode fibre optical cable into a distributed microphone (acoustic sensor). It can use an existing single mode fibre in a DTS control line.

Geophones arrays can be installed in the wells to monitor mainly potential out of zone injection and vertical conformance.

## **2.6. Life Cycle Cost**

In determining the overall life-cycle cost of the wells, consideration should be given to the initial cost of the installation, the expenses to manage the well during the injection period and the abandonment cost.

The life cycle cost is dependent on the number of wells required to be completed for injection, the workover and intervention requirements during the injection phase and the final abandonment costs.

## **2.7. Regulations & Standards**

In addition to meeting the requirements prescribed in the sections above, the final well design will conform to the relevant Shell regulations and standards such as technical and process safety requirements as well as industry regulations and standards that have been adopted as part of the global wells delivery process. Some of these standards are listed below. This is not a complete list; however it does highlight a few of the key and most relevant industry standards.



### ***2.7.1. International and Industry Standards***

There are industry standards for each well component to be used during the well operations. Those contained in the table below are the most relevant considering the safety aspects in the well.

**Table 2-2: Industry standards**

	Source	Name
Wells	Oil & Gas UK	Guidelines for the suspension and abandonment of wells. Issue 4, July 2012
Wells	Oil & Gas UK	Guidelines on qualification of materials for the suspension and abandonment of wells
Wells	ISO 14310 API 11D1	Packers and Bridge Plugs
Wells	ISO 10432 – 10417 API 14A, API 14B	Downhole Safety Valve
Wells	ISO 10423 API 6A	Wellhead and Christmas tree equipment



**2.7.2. Local Laws and Regulations****Table 2-3: Local Laws and Regulations**

Local Laws and Regulations	
Wells	Oil & Gas UK, UKOOA
Wells	UK Offshore Installations and Wells Regulations - DCR
Storage of CO <sub>2</sub>	<b>UK Energy Act 2008, CHAPTER 32</b> STORAGE OF CARBON DIOXIDE, Legal Framework for 2010 No.2221, Chapter 3
Storage of CO <sub>2</sub>	STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS <b>2010 No. 2221</b> <b>ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION</b> The Storage of Carbon Dioxide (Licensing etc.) Regulations 2010
Monitoring and Corrective Measures	SCHEDULE 2, 2
Storage of CO <sub>2</sub>	<b>DIRECTIVE 2009/31/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 23 April 2009</b> on the geological storage of carbon dioxide and amending Council Directive 85/337/EEC, European Parliament and Council Directives 2000/60/EC, 2001/80/EC, 2004/35/EC, 2006/12/EC, 2008/1/EC and Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006
Monitoring and Corrective Measures	Article 13, ANNEX II, 1.1
Storage of CO <sub>2</sub> and Greenhouse gas emissions	<b>DIRECTIVE 2009/29/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 23 April 2009</b> Amending Directive 2003/87/EC so as to improve and extend the greenhouse gas emission allowance trading scheme of the Community Annex I
Monitoring and Reporting of Greenhouse gas emissions	<b>COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) No 601/2012 of June 2012</b> on the monitoring and reporting of greenhouse gas emissions pursuant to Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council Article 2; Article 20, 3; Annex IV, 23, B.3



### 3. Conductor & Casing Review

Sections one and two provide an introduction to the Peterhead CCS project and a brief overview of the well requirements. It is now essential to review the components of the well in order to establish their suitability for the project and well integrity. This section looks at the information available on the Goldeneye well conductors and casing strings and analyses this information to confirm the suitability in the injection phase and lifecycle of the well.

The Goldeneye platform jacket and topside was installed in 2003 by the Heerema Thialf heavy lift barge. Grade X52 30" x 1 1/2" [762mm x 38.1mm] wall thickness conductors, complete with Oil States internally upset Merlin connectors, and 2" [50.8mm] wall thickness drive shoes, were installed and driven to refusal at ~190ft [57.91m] beneath the seabed. Following these operations, Maersk jack-up drilling unit Innovator batch drilled all the wells on Goldeneye Platform. That is all the 17 1/2" [444.5mm] sections were drilled; followed by the 12 1/4" [311.2mm] sections and finally the 8 1/2" [215.9mm] sections.

All the wells consist of a 30" conductor, followed by a tapered surface casing string 20" x 13 3/8" [508mm x 339.7mm] and a production casing string 10 3/4" x 9 5/8" [273.1mm x 244.5]. The wells also incorporate a 7" [177.8mm] pre-perforated 13Cr production liner.

#### 3.1. Summary

Goldeneye Platform wells have been analysed with Halliburton WELLCAT software. The analysis models the conditions of CO<sub>2</sub> injection.

Due to corrosion reports indicating a potential concern, a special case has been worked up to simulate high 20" [508mm] corrosion rates. Assuming a high corrosion rate of 0.5 mm/yr and a 25 year life span - both worst cases, it can be concluded that the pipe is still fit for purpose - Safety Factor of 2.4 for axial loading. Furthermore, at high corrosion rate the 20" casing still has several years' life left beyond the 25 year life span.

Hence Goldeneye 20" casing will be good for the expected load cases for the duration of the extended field life. It follows that no load transfer to the conductor is expected.

Present Goldeneye platform casing design has been checked for suitability in CO<sub>2</sub> injection mode, assuming the expected values for CO<sub>2</sub> pressures, temperatures and volumes no issues have been identified with the casing design. Carbon steel compatibility issues with CO<sub>2</sub> can be mitigated against provided exposure is kept to a maximum of 165 days of wet events over 15 years.



### 3.2. Corrosion Survey

The Goldeneye Platform 20" [508mm] surface casing strings and 30" [762mm] conductors have been periodically checked for corrosion. Data from these periodic studies carried out during the production phase lead to the concern of high corrosion rates. Coupled with the field life of the platform potentially being extended by another 15 years, this brought into question the load bearing capacity of the 20" surface casing and possible load transfer to the conductors.

The first casing string set inside the conductor was a 20" x 13 3/8" [508mm x 339.7mm] taper string. The 20" casing has a one inch wall thickness ~25 mm thickness. The 20" casing was cemented to seabed, but not cemented to surface. That is to say the 30" and 20" pipes are freestanding and independent of one another.

There are slots cut at 545ft [166.1m] below drill floor, at the bottom of the 30" allowing the sea to enter and to exit the annulus created between the 30" conductor and 20" casing. This annulus between the 30" and the 20" is capped by rape seed oil as a mechanism to keep corrosion down.

The 30" conductor and the 20" surface casing are free standing and independent of one another. That is the 20" surface casing takes all the well loading and does not transfer the load to the 30" conductor.



**Figure 3-1: Top of Conductor GYA-02 at the South side of the well, showing the 20" Casing leaning towards the South-East**

As can be seen from the figure, the vertical gap between the two casings is approx. 9" to 10" [228.6mm to 254mm]. Also worthy of note is that the surface casing is not centred inside the 30" conductor.

Since the drilling and completion of the Goldeneye wells, the conductors and the surface casing strings have been measured for corrosion by means of a Pulsed Eddy Current (PEC) Tool. Corrosion measurement campaigns have been carried out:

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### 3.2.1. Results

Wall thickness results from the latest survey are included in the following table.

**Table 3-1: Maximum corrosion rate of Surface Casings and Conductors**

Well	Spud Date	Date of PEC Inspection	Age of Well on Date of Inspection	Maximum Wall Loss (mm)	Maximum corrosion rate [mm/yr]
<b>20" [508mm] Surface Casing</b>					
GYA-01	08/12/03	24/05/2010	6.5	2.0	0.31
GYA-02	13/12/03	25/05/2010	6.5	3.6	0.55
GYA-03	19/12/03	24/05/2010	6.4	2.0	0.32
GYA-04	05/10/03	26/05/2010	6.6	1.0	0.15
GYA-05	02/12/03	23/05/2010	6.5	1.8	0.27
<b>30" [762mm] Conductor</b>					
GYA-01	08/12/03	23/05/2010	6.5	3.8	0.59
GYA-02	13/12/03	26/05/2010	6.5	3.8	0.59
GYA-03	19/12/03	24/05/2010	6.4	3.0	0.47
GYA-04	05/10/03	23/05/2010	6.6	3.4	0.52
GYA-05	02/12/03	25/05/2010	6.5	3.4	0.53

Notes:

1. The maximum wall loss in mm was calculated from the maximum wall loss in % and the Nominal Wall Thickness. The Nominal Wall Thickness is 25.4 mm for all 20" Casings and 38.1 mm of the 30" Conductors of the Goldeneye wells.
2. The accuracy in the corrosion rates is estimated to be  $\pm 0.39$  mm/yr for the 20" Surface Casing and  $\pm 0.59$  mm/yr for the 30" Conductor.
3. The corrosion rate was determined, assuming that the wall thickness was the Nominal Wall Thickness at the spud date.

As can be seen from the table, four out of the five 20" surface conductors have corrosion rate of 0.32 mm/yr or less. There is only one value greater, of 0.55 mm/yr. All figures have an error of  $\pm 0.39$  mm/yr.



### 3.2.2. Corrosion Figures

From the survey report, corrosion has been measured at

- range 0.47 to 0.59 mm/year for the 30" conductor and
- range 0.15 to 0.55 mm/year for the 20" surface casing.

It should be understood that these figures are not definitive - only indicative. This is due to differences in pipe height, position that the readings are taken, pipe ovality, steel temperature and other factors including repeatability.

Corrosion rates for conductors generally follow a trend. The trend can be low, medium or high corrosion rates. Typical rates are, low 0.1 mm/yr; medium 0.3 mm/yr; and high 0.5 mm/yr and the design duration is usually taken for a 25 year period.

Occasionally the corrosion trend figures can reduce; go flat; stay on line or get worse, going towards the high rate. The high rates are the important ones to be aware of. Five years after installation, Goldeneye conductors appeared to be moving into the higher corrosion rate category.

As a consequence it was decided to run the conductor and surface casing calculations using worst rates of corrosion of 0.5 mm/yr and a period of 25 yrs. This equates to a surface casing reduction in wall thickness from 25.4 mm to 12.9 mm.

This number is derived from original wall thickness of one inch or 25.4 mm and 25 yrs x 0.5 mm/yr.

$$25.4 - (25 \times 0.5) = 12.9 \text{ mm potential wall thickness}$$

### 3.2.3. Corrosion Report Conclusions

The 20" [508mm] Surface Casings and 30" [762mm] Conductors of wells GYA-01, GYA-02, GYA-03, GYA-04 and GYA-05 were inspected from the top of the Conductor to a few metres below LAT during three campaigns from August 2007 to May 2010. The following conclusions are drawn:

1. The PEC measurements both in 2007 and in 2010 shows that none of the 20" Surface Casings and 30" Conductors of the Goldeneye platform exceeded the 25% wall loss. 25% wall loss is a first-level severity criterion for Surface Casing wall loss of producing wells.
2. The maximum wall loss determined by PEC was 10% or less, on the 20" Surface Casings and 30" Conductors of all wells, both in August 2007 and in May 2010, except for the 20" Casing of GYA-02 in May 2010 (maximum wall loss of 14%) and the 30" Conductor in August 2007 (maximum wall loss of 12%). The 10% criterion is a reporting criterion for PEC readings. Wall loss less than 10% is regarded as not significant, because 10% variation in PEC reading may be caused by metallurgic variations.
3. The maximum corrosion rate on the 20" Surface Casing over the period from spud date in 2003 to the PEC measurements in May 2010 ranges from  $0.15 \pm 0.39$  mm/yr (GYA-04) to  $0.55 \pm 0.39$  mm/yr (GYA-02). Only the corrosion on 20" Surface Casing of GYA-02 is statistically significant.

This finding is consistent with conclusion 2.

4. The maximum corrosion rate on the 30" Conductor over the period from spud date in 2003 to the PEC measurements in May 2010 ranges from  $0.47 \pm 0.59$  mm/yr (GYA-03) to  $0.51 \pm 0.59$  mm/yr (GYA-01 and GYA-02). None of these are statistically significant. This finding is consistent with conclusion 2.



5. The maximum corrosion rates between spud date and August 2007 and between August 2007 and May 2010 are not statistically significant for any of the 20" Surface Casings and the 30" Conductors, except the 20" Casing of GYA-01 and the 30" Conductors of GYA-01, GYA-03 and GYA-05 between August 2007 and May 2010. The latter corrosion rates are only just statistically significant. Apart from these exceptions, PEC has therefore not detected statistically significant corrosion.
6. The corrosion rates of both 20" Casings and 30" Conductors in the period between August 2007 and May 2010 are not different from the corrosion rate in the period between spud date and August 2007 at the 95% confidence level.
7. The elevation of the maximum corrosion rates on the 20" Surface Casings is below the fluid level in the 'D' annulus, where no corrosion is expected, except for GYA-03. This is consistent with no significant corrosion on the 20" Casings.

### 3.3. Casing Programme

#### 3.3.1. Shell casing design safety factors are:

Burst	1.10
Collapse	1.00
Axial (tension)	1.30
Axial (compression)	1.15
Triaxial	1.10

#### 3.3.2. Casing Design Assumptions

##### Assumptions

- Good casing cementation was assumed throughout.
- When cementation is across a permeable formation, pore pressure was assumed.
- Temperature de-rating was applied to all strings
- Buckling effects were taken into account

##### Pressure

The target Captain reservoir was taken as normally pressured at 3,852 psia at ~8,300ft [262.6bar at 2530m] TVDSS

There were no over pressured or hydrocarbon bearing zones prior to entering the Captain reservoir.

##### Temperature

The TD temperature for each well was taken as 181°F at ~8,300ft [82.8°C at 2530m] TVDSS.

#### 3.3.3. Conductor

The chosen conductor design for Goldeneye was based on the following criteria.

- Conductor to provide marine protection only, no load-bearing requirement.



- Conductor to be driven - drilling or drill drive not acceptable due to shallow soil stability criteria.
- Fatigue resistance during installation and field life.
- Drive ability and resistance to directional deviation.
- Merlin mechanical connectors to reduce installation time

The final conductor design was generated as a result of collaboration between Heerema (Installation Contractor), UWG (Structural Analysis consultants), Aker (Conductor Fabrication) and Shell Expro. The final design is as follows.

**Table 3-2: Conductor Evaluation**

Casing	TVD Depth Below Seabed	Minimum S.F. Burst	Minimum S.F. Collapse	Minimum S.F. Triaxial
30" 1.5" WT X52 Merlin HDEF connectors	190ft [57.9m]	N/A	N/A	N/A

**3.3.4. Intermediate Casing**

A reduced casing scheme was adopted based on an extensive offset review and peer challenge sessions. As such, a tapered string of 20" x 13 3/8" [508mm x 340mm] was set as the intermediate string.

The tapered string of 20" x 13 3/8" included the 5,000 psia [344.7bar] 18 3/4" [476mm] Cameron SSMC wellhead system. As such, this string carries the load of the subsequent production casing and completion strings. Analysis of the loads induced (undertaken by UWG) indicated that a string of 13 3/8" casing would fail under the buckling load if run inside the 30" conductor. In consequence, a short section of 20" casing was run from the 18 3/4" wellhead to 700ft [213m] TVDBDF. A further finding of the analysis was that due to the bending loads induced by relative jacket and jack up movement, a joint of X80 20" x 1" [508mm x 25.4mm] WT is required for the initial 40ft [12.2m] below the wellhead.

The section was drilled using an un-weighted pre-hydrated bentonite mud with returns to surface. However, for the event that insufficient shoe strength to facilitate this was achieved at the 30" shoe, circulation ports were cut in the conductor above the seabed and the 17 1/2" [444mm] section drilled with the bentonite mud system taking returns to the seabed.

The 13 3/8" shoe was set at 100ft [30.5m] below the top of the Lower Dornoch Mudstone. This was sufficiently deep to enable the 12 1/4" [311mm] section to be drilled with a planned mud weight of 560 - 580 pptf (maximum mud weight of 620 pptf high inclination wells). An FIT of 630 pptf was expected at the 13 3/8" shoe.

The string was cemented with returns to seabed, and top up grouting system included to ensure that the TOC was above the 13 3/8" x 20" crossover.

**Table 3-3: Intermediate Casing Evaluation**

Casing	Setting Depth Ft MD	Minimum S.F. Burst	Minimum S.F. Collapse	Minimum S.F. Axial	Minimum S.F. Triaxial
20" x 1" WT, X80, SR20	40	1.13	100	2.33	2.64
20" x 1" WT, X65, SR20	700	1.12	12.74	2.70	2.59
13 3/8" 68 lb/ft N80, Dino VAM	4,200	1.85	1.24	2.87	2.01

The string design did not allow for total evacuation to gas. The maximum surface pressure in the event of total evacuation to gas is 3,100 psia [214bar]. The maximum working pressure of the 20" SR20 connector is 2,700 psia [186bar]. As such, the casing was pressure tested with a surface pressure of 2,400 psia [165bar].

However, the expected FIT of 630 pptf allows the circulation of a gas kick in excess of 200 bbls with maximum surface pressure of 2,000 psia [138bar].

### ***BURST (Drilling loads only)***

#### **External Loads:**

*Fluid Gradients (c/w Pore Pressure):* - The 20" - 13 3/8" casing is set across the Tertiary, Beaully and Dornoch, which contain a mix of shales and sands. However, as no issues were recorded during cementing operation on the riser less subsea wells it was assumed that losses were unlikely. As such, the modelling was carried out assuming no discreet permeable zones exist. This coupled with remedial top up cementing programme ensure that the top of cement was at the seabed. The external load was modelled as Fluid Gradients (c/w Pore Pressure). This assumed a column of 520 pptf from the wellhead to seabed and cement from seabed to TD. This figure is high as the cement is setup. Future calculation should allow for this case with a figure in the order of 465 pptf.

#### **Internal Loads:**

*Gas Kick:* - A swabbed gas kick was modelled in Well Plan 2000 based on various mud weights and 13 3/8" shoe strengths. Based on the expected FIT of 630 pptf the maximum kick tolerance is in excess of 300 bbls regardless of mud weight, with a maximum surface pressure of 2,000 psia.

*Pressure Test:* - A 2,400 psia pressure test was applied at surface on top of a 520 pptf column of mud. This is lower than the expected surface pressures in the event of total displacement (see gas kick).

*Cementing:* - Burst during cementation and pressure testing was modelled using a single slurry weight of 650 pptf, with TOC at the seabed and displaced with 520 pptf drilling fluid.

A pressure test to 2,400 psia was applied at surface. Drilling fluid at 520 pptf and green cement gradient provide back up throughout the operation. As above, future calculation will need to allow for cement setup.



**COLLAPSE LOADS****External Load:**

*Mud and cement-mix water:* - The 20" - 13 3/8" casing was set across the Tertiary, Beaully and Dornoch that contain a mix of shales and sands. However, as no issues were recorded during cementing operation on the riserless subsea wells, it was assumed that losses were unlikely. As such, the modelling was carried out assuming no discreet permeable zones exist. This coupled with remedial top up cementing programme ensure that the top of cement will be at the seabed. The external load was modelled as a mud and cement-mix water. This assumes a column of 520 pptf from the wellhead to seabed and cement from seabed to TD. The application of this load case ensured a conservative design.

**Internal Loads:**

*Cementing:* - Maximum differential pressure while displacing the green cement with 520 pptf drilling fluid was calculated as 463 psia [32bar].

*Lost returns with mud drop:* - The 12 1/4" [311mm] section was drilled with 560 - 580 pptf mud. However, in the event hole instability issues develop, the mud weight could be increased to a max of 620 pptf. As such, the worst case of a 620 pptf mud was assumed in conjunction with a pore pressure of 3,232 psia [223bar] in the Captain Reservoir the mud drop in the annulus would be 3,319ft [1012m].

*Full - Partial Evacuation:* - Full evacuation analysis is the worst load case with respect to collapse loads as is indicated by the wear analysis outlined below.

**AXIAL LOADS**

The following loads were applied.

Casing running speed:	1.8ft/sec [0.55m/s]
Max overpull on casing if stuck:	300,000 lbs [1,335kN]
Pre cement static load:	0 klbs
Post cement static loads applied	0 klbs
Green cement pressure test:	2,400 psia
Service loads applied	Yes

**WEAR TOLERANCE**

The maximum wear allowance for the 13 3/8" casing was modelled to be 7.6% at 4,245ft. This was due to the collapse load case of Full / Partial Evacuation that applies a conservative case of total evacuation without fill up. In reality, it was expected that the casing would be topped up with seawater until equilibrium. The low acceptable wear was as a result of a very conservative load case and as such, it was not considered to be a major risk.

**3.3.5. Production Casing**

The production casing selected is a tapered string of 10 3/4" x 9 5/8" [273mm x 245mm]. The 10 3/4" [273mm] is required to allow the installation of a 7" TRSSSV within the completion string. The valve has a minimum setting depth of 2,600ft [793m] TVDSS. This is to ensure it is below



the hydrocarbon hydrate formation depth for the initial hydrocarbon conditions. The 9 5/8" [245mm] shoe was set at the Base Rodby. As such, there is no limitation on the kick tolerance with respect to formation strength.

The following table details the production casing design for the Goldeneye wells

**Table 3-4: Production Casing Evaluation**

Casing	Setting Depth Ft MD	Minimum S.F. Burst	Minimum S.F. Collapse	Minimum S.F. Axial	Minimum S.F. Triaxial
10 3/4", 55.5, L80, VAM Top	2,890	1.41	2.27	1.81	1.44
9 5/8", 53.5, L80, VAM Top	8,500-13,000	1.51	1.29	1.77	1.49

9 5/8", 53.5 lb/ft [72.5Nm], L80, VAM Top Alternative drift was used in all wells in order to ensure that the worst case collapse loading is met and to reduce logistical issues during the execution phase.

### ***BURST - DRILLING***

#### **External Load:**

*Pore Pressure / Seawater Gradient:* - This load case was selected to ensure that the design is robust to a conservative load case.

#### **Internal Loads:**

*Displacement to gas:* - A full displacement to dry gas was modelled assuming an influx at TD of the wells. Differential pressures below the wellhead and at the shoe are ~3,000 psia [207bar] and 95 psia [6.55bar] respectively.

*Pressure Test:* - The maximum expected tubing head pressure was calculated to be 3,100 psia [214bar]. Assuming a further 1.1 safety factor, the maximum expected THP could be 3,410 psia [235bar]. The casing design was carried out assuming a surface pressure test of 4,500 psia [310bar] with 0.45 psia/ft [101.8mbar] fluid in hole.

*Cementing:* - Burst during cementation and pressure testing was modelled using 1,000ft lead slurry at a weight of 650 pptf and a 500ft tail cement at 832 pptf displaced with seawater. A pressure test to 4,500 psia was applied at surface. Differential pressure at the shoe is 3,465 psia [239bar]. Drilling fluid (560 pptf) and green cement provide back up for this load.

### ***BURST - PRODUCTION:***

#### **External Load:**

*Pore Pressure / Seawater Gradient:* - This load case was selected to ensure that the design is robust to a conservative load case.

*Tubing leak:* - A tubing leak below the wellhead was modelled. Initial reservoir pressures were assumed with a dry gas gradient to wellhead. A maximum pressure at the top of the A annulus



was calculated at 3,100 psia; this was used for modelling purposes and assumes a dry gas gradient to the wellhead. The packer fluid was modelled at 500 pptf, with the packer positioned 200ft AH above the 9 5/8" shoe in each well. Actual packer fluid is inhibited seawater at 450 pptf.

***COLLAPSE - DRILLING***

**External Load:**

*Mud and Cement Mix-Water:* - The external load during drilling was modelled as mud and cement mix water the mud column is assumed as 620 pptf, for all wells which is the worst-case load. This ensures that the most conservative design is applied.

**Internal Loads:**

*Cementing:* - Maximum differential pressure while displacing green cement with seawater is 1,500 psia.

*Lost returns with mud drop:* - The reservoir section was drilled with 540 pptf mud, however the lost returns with mud drop case was run assuming 620 pptf mud in hole with a reservoir pressure of 3,852 psia [266bar]. The drop in the annulus assuming losses would be 2,359ft [719m].

***COLLAPSE - PRODUCTION***

**External Load:**

*Mud and Cement Mix-Water:* - The external load during drilling was modelled as mud and cement mix water the mud column is assumed as 620 pptf, for all wells which is the worst-case load. This ensured that the most conservative design was applied.

**Internal Loads:**

*Full Evacuation:* - Assumes that the string is vented to atmosphere, i.e. no internal back up.

*Above and Below Packer:* - Assumes that the packer is set 200ft [61m] AH above the 9 5/8" casing shoe and the in place packer fluid is 500 pptf.

***AXIAL LOADS***

The following loads were applied.

Casing running speed:	1.8ft/sec [0.55m/s]
Max overpull on casing if stuck:	300,000 lbs [1,335kN]
Pre cement static load:	0 klbs
Post cement static loads applied	0 klbs
Green cement pressure test:	4,500 psia
Service loads applied	Yes

**Wear Analysis**

The original analysis showed the maximum predicted wear on the production casing to be up to 10.7% at various depths on all the wells. However, this is not considered an issue as the planned reservoir sections range from 70ft - 200ft in length and as such drilling time is minimal.

Note: 10% is the standard default value to allow for casing affected by mechanical abrasion - drilling through casing.



### **3.3.6. Pre-perforated Liner**

Goldeneye Platform wells were lined with pre-perforated 7" [178mm] liner and hung off with liner hanger and PBR.

## **3.4. Suitability of Casing Design for CO<sub>2</sub> Injection**

This section of the casing review looks at suitability of existing

- casing material compatibility and
- casing design for CO<sub>2</sub> injection

### **3.4.1. Material Compatibility**

All Goldeneye Platform production casing strings are made from carbon steel. The majority of this casing is protected by 13 Chrome material tubing. There are two zones that are exposed to CO<sub>2</sub>. These are:

- below the lower permanent production packer and
- a section between the two permanent packers (exposed by a perforated joint)

Goldeneye lower completion tubing steel is 13% Cr. This is also the case for the 4" Screens and 7" [178mm] Pre-perforated liner. The 9 5/8" [245mm] Production Casing is made of Carbon Steel. Free water in combination with CO<sub>2</sub> will lead to dissolution of CO<sub>2</sub>, forming carbonic acid (H<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>). This might lead to corrosion of carbon steel. For 13% Cr material this is not considered a corrosion threat.

The production casing above the existing packer has only been in contact with the completion fluid used in the A-Annulus. That fluid was inhibited seawater installed during the completion operations. Hence the corrosion of this production casing above the packer is expected to be negligible. Condition of the casing below the production packer is less certain due to presence of Goldeneye hydrocarbon gas in contact with the casing.

The hydrocarbon gas in Goldeneye has a small content of CO<sub>2</sub> (0.4% mol). During the hydrocarbon production phase the 13% Cr components are estimated to have practically no corrosion. Goldeneye gas was in contact with elements below the 9 5/8" packer during the production phase. There is a perforated pup joint between the 9 5/8" production packer and the screens hanger creating a trapped volume of A-annulus fluid - most likely seawater. Due to the presence of CO<sub>2</sub> in the gas there is some corrosion potential in the production casing below the 9 5/8" production packer to the casing shoe, especially in the dead volume below the perforated pup joint and the screens hanger.

The Goldeneye reservoir is connected to a large aquifer and all five wells are suspended. As such, the lower completion can be in contact with formation water, in addition to the dead volume of water between the 9 5/8" production packer and the screen hanger. This is also the case during the transition period between gas production and cessation of gas production to CO<sub>2</sub> injection.

During the initial phase of CO<sub>2</sub> injection the lower completion will be in contact with formation water. Over time, with CO<sub>2</sub> injection, the presence of water will decrease as the water is displaced by the CO<sub>2</sub>, and eventually water presence will disappear.

The estimated wet events to avoid corrosion of the 9 5/8" production casing below the packer was previously estimated at 3% wet events in 15 years or 165 days of wet events. This represents



the maximum time allowed to have wet events ( $\text{CO}_2$  + water).  $\text{CO}_2$  will be injected dry thereby limiting the wet events.

Because of the presence of water in the bottom of the well, the displacing time of the formation water by the  $\text{CO}_2$  should be considered. Based on  $\text{CO}_2$  EOR projects it is estimated that the water in the bottom of the well will be displaced in a matter of weeks.

### **3.4.2. Casing Design for $\text{CO}_2$ Injection**

Casing design has been verified using "WellCat"<sup>TM</sup> Halliburton Landmark software.

Casing design assumptions and results are included in Appendix 2 and 3.

The assumptions take into account the operating parameters - pressures, temperatures and rates that the Goldeneye Platform wells will see during the  $\text{CO}_2$  injection phase.

A 3 1/2" [89mm] tubing string was used in the casing design together with a base oil packer fluid. This tubing size is typical of the tubing size that will be employed during the injection phase. Base oil in the annulus is still subject to ongoing investigation, the alternative being inhibited seawater.

The important result is that both the surface casing and the production casing are within limits for the loads modelled with the Shell minimum safety factors.

### **3.4.3. Low Temperatures**

Research (October 2010) on  $\text{CO}_2$  injection into Goldeneye Platform wells has shown there are cases where low temperatures in the order of  $-30^\circ\text{C}$  to  $-40^\circ\text{C}$  may be encountered.

#### **Steady state $\text{CO}_2$ injection:**

These conditions give a temperature and pressure gradient within the bounds of the materials used in Goldeneye Platform well construction and will not cause any problems.

#### **Transient $\text{CO}_2$ injection:**

There are situations where  $\text{CO}_2$  injection will stop.

- changing injection well - Peterhead CCS project will utilise different tubing sizes to balance injection rates and backpressure to keep  $\text{CO}_2$  in supercritical phase - hence injection wells will be matched to delivery
- controlled shut-down / start-up of injection - As well as changing one injection well for another, controlled shut down can occur maybe due to  $\text{CO}_2$  delivery problems
- emergency shut-down - Goldeneye is a normally unmanned platform. In the event of an emergency shut-down there will be a sudden closing in of one or more wells

During close-in and start-up of a well, there are rapid changes of temperature in the well due to supercritical  $\text{CO}_2$  flashing of  $\text{CO}_2$  gas in well bore. The longer it takes to shut down injection, and the quicker the well is started up, the less extreme these temperature fluctuations.

The emergency shutdown is the case that must be addressed. By its nature (an emergency) this is a rapid shutdown and it causes the greatest temperature variation / fluctuation.

Initial investigation shows these low temperatures to be outside the operating range of some well components. However this is only for the duration of the low temperatures and until the well warms up again - maybe as short as 30 minutes. Hence further investigation is ongoing.

The central concern is around the well parts that we do not intend to change out:-



- Wellheads
- Surface / intermediate casing
- Production casing

The results of transient CO<sub>2</sub> injection have been incorporated in the Conceptual Well Completion Design Proposal, document no. PCCS-05-PT-ZW-7180-00003. This document also details actions and precautions required to overcome these extreme cooling effects.

## 4. Cement Review

This section provides an understanding of cement degradation modes and mitigation measures. It looks at experience from wells where cement has been exposed to CO<sub>2</sub> over a prolonged period of time and results from more recent laboratory-based experiments in order to provide an understanding of the suitability of the cement in the Goldeneye wells to form part of the Peterhead CCS project.

An offsite Cement Concept Select workshop was held to discuss the possibilities around cement suitability with regard to CO<sub>2</sub> injection. Invitees included various relevant discipline engineers such as well engineers, fluids engineers and technologists.

The Concept Select workshop consisted of a presentation and discussion covering:

- existing wells and cements
- cement degradation mechanisms and leak paths
- other CO<sub>2</sub> injection examples
- software simulation, mechanical model
- proprietary CO<sub>2</sub> resistant cements

Schematics showing the current well construction along with the encountered formations are included in Appendix 1. Goldeneye Wells.

**Table 4-1: Cement Column above 9 5/8" [245mm] shoe**

	GYA-01	GYA-02s1	GYA-03	GYA-04	GYA-05
Theoretical Top of Cement	7506	9768	7865	11510	6895
Production Packer Setting Depth	8528	10675	8894	12517	7941
9-5/8" Casing Shoe	9006	10990	9365	13010	8395
Cement column above shoe	1500	1222	1500	1500	1500

### 4.1. Summary

The effect of CO<sub>2</sub> injection on the cement in Goldeneye wells is discussed in this document. The Goldeneye wells have been cemented with Portland class G cement which has been reviewed for suitability for injection of CO<sub>2</sub>, with the conclusion that all wells will be fit for CO<sub>2</sub> injection.

Diana software, a specialist mechanical cement model has been run to ascertain the effects of CO<sub>2</sub> injection on Goldeneye Platform. The results indicate that there will be no mechanical problems due to CO<sub>2</sub> injection.



Chemically, due to the absence of water in the delivered CO<sub>2</sub> - injection phase - once water, and hydrocarbons have been displaced - there is no mechanism to create corrosive carbonic acid. Later in the life of the wells, after the injection phase, reservoir dynamics such as gravity, miscibility and reactions with downhole formations, will mean carbonic acid will reappear at the base of the cement in the Goldeneye wells. As above, this is not expected to be a problem for Goldeneye wells.

Cement test results show negligible expansion and contraction of samples made from a mix similar to that used in the Goldeneye wells.

After cessation of CO<sub>2</sub> injection, Goldeneye wells and the Goldeneye platform will be abandoned. The choice of cements for abandonment and the style of abandonment will be decided by cementing technology, industry best practices and legislation in place at the time.

Specialist cements could be qualified to see if they are significantly better than Portland cement. If so, a new drill well or a side-track from existing well may be cemented with a CO<sub>2</sub> resistant cement in any portion of the well where the cement would be in contact with CO<sub>2</sub>.

As workovers on the Goldeneye Platform will not occur until later it is recommended that qualification of CO<sub>2</sub> resistant cement be followed up after the FEED Contract has been awarded and nearer to the start-up date. This would give greatest benefit to emerging research in this new area.

## **4.2. Effect of CO<sub>2</sub> on Cement and Casing**

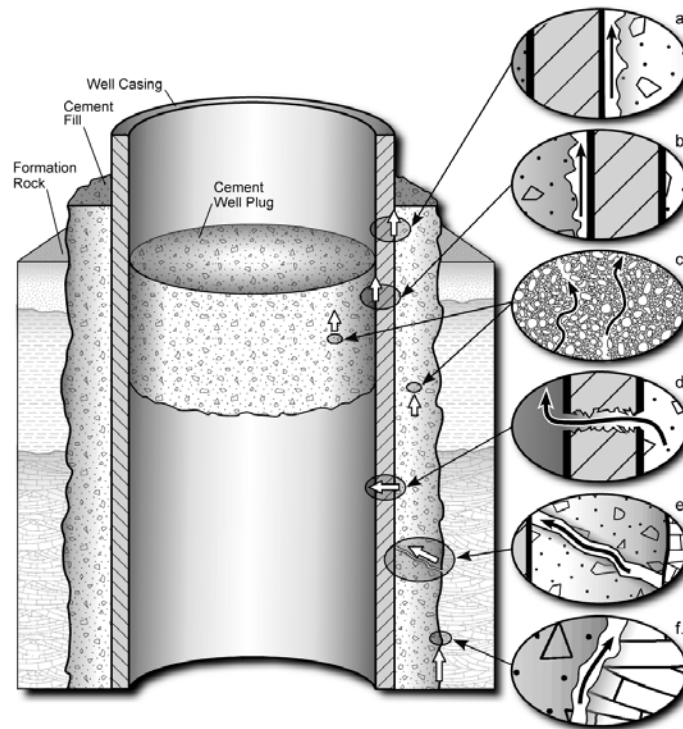
There is a wealth of published material on the effects of CO<sub>2</sub> injection on oilfield cement and tubulars. The degradation mechanisms are outlined below, followed by outlines of some of the more recent and high profile papers plus their conclusions.



### 4.2.1. Fluid migration Paths

Possible migration pathways through a well:

- (a) between casing and cement;
- (b) between cement plug and casing;
- (c) through the cement pore space as a result of cement degradation;
- (d) through casing as a result of corrosion;
- (e) through fractures in cement; and
- (f) between cement and rock. From Gasda et al. (2004). Ref. below



**Figure 4-1: Fluid Migration Paths**

Gasda, S., J.M. Nordbotten, and M.A. Celia, "Upslope Plume Migration and Implications for Geological CO<sub>2</sub> Storage in Deep Saline Aquifers", *IES Journal of Civil Engineering*, Vol. 1, No. 1, page 1, 2008.

These leak paths would occur and develop due to potential cementing defects such as:

- Inadequate placement of cement resulting in channels or mud films,
- Channels caused by gas migration during cement hydration,
- Cracks caused by cement failure in compression/traction, and
- Micro annuli caused by lack of bonding at the interfaces with casing and/or rock, or due to poor P/T techniques





### 4.2.2. Cement Degradation

Cement degradation occurs in three phases. That is to say, the interaction between Portland cement and CO<sub>2</sub> is a 3-step process:

- Carbonic acid diffusion,
- Cement (Portlandite) dissolution and carbonate precipitation, and decrease in porosity
- Leaching (calcium carbonate dissolution). Cement sheath defects would cause acceleration of the degradation process, generally leading to loss of density and strength and an increase in porosity.

This process relies on the presence of water. That is, water is required to form carbonic acid completing the first phase allowing the following two processes to occur. Goldeneye CO<sub>2</sub> delivery is expected to be more or less free of water. However, water may be present around the wellbore.

The other main factors in cement degradation are temperature, pressure, and time. Elevated temperatures and elevated pressures both speed up the degradation process. The delivery temperature of CO<sub>2</sub> into Goldeneye is expected to be around that of the sea at approx. 40°F [5°C], due to delivery via subsea pipeline. Initial injection pressure will be ~2,500 psia [172bara] and rise higher as injection proceeds - towards 3,700 psia [255bara]. Downhole temperature at the reservoir level will be in the order of 20°C during CO<sub>2</sub> injection. When injection has ceased, in the long term, the downhole temperature will return to the initial reservoir temperature of 83°C.

Due to the degradation mechanism, cement degradation from studies has been found to be time dependant. The equation can be simplified as a constant multiplied by the square root of time.

Goldeneye is expected to inject **dry CO<sub>2</sub>** - that is without water.

During the injection phase, if water and subsequently carbonic acid does get to the casing cement sheath, a product of carbonic acid reacting with cement is an insoluble precipitate - calcium carbonate (CaCO<sub>3</sub>). It leads to lower porosity in the cement because calcium carbonate has a higher molar volume than Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub> and for cement sheath integrity, this reaction actually improves the cement's properties and the carbonation is therefore a self-healing mechanism in the carbonate.

Rate of cement degradation depends on three factors - heat, pressure, and the square root of time.

Goldeneye wells will be supplied with CO<sub>2</sub> at low temperature 0 to 5°C at the wellhead in a supercritical state through a subsea pipeline. Injection wells in the United States are generally fed with CO<sub>2</sub> at ambient temperature. Hence, lower Goldeneye temperatures are working towards smaller rates of degradation than comparable American wells.

#### 4.2.2.1. Steps To Avoid Cement Degradation

There are a number of basic steps that can be taken to minimise degradation of cement by CO<sub>2</sub>:

- pump dry CO<sub>2</sub>; no water in the injected CO<sub>2</sub> means no carbonic acid.
- cement placement; good spacer, lead and tail and good centralisation to avoid voids in the cement. In addition, for abandonment plugs, balanced cement plugs to avoid stringers and channelling.



- keep excess water to a minimum; have as little unreacted water as possible in cement slurry. Without water, CO<sub>2</sub> cannot form carbonic acid. Use a suitable filler, inert to CO<sub>2</sub>, to close up the interstitial spaces.
- best cementing practices; all the standard requirements such as slurry testing, fresh cement, good additive control, mixing at constant density, no hold ups whilst pumping the job etc.
- avoid water based fluids in workovers; once CO<sub>2</sub> injection has commenced, if possible, avoid water based fluids in workovers. This is to minimise the combination with CO<sub>2</sub> in the well to produce carbonic acid

The reaction of Portland cement with carbonic acid forms a CaCO<sub>3</sub> film or layer on the cement surface. This slows and can stop the reaction process. Any free water in the cement can allow the formation of more carbonic acid and continue the reaction process.

Expansion and contraction can also cause micro-fractures in the cement or chip tiny bits off. If there is any free water, it will be exposed or the water released. The process of carbonic acid formation and cement attack then starts again.

### 4.2.3. Cementing / Casing Studies

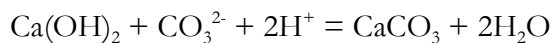
Table 4-2: Injection Parameters

Attribute	Value
Surface CO <sub>2</sub> delivery temperature:	5°C
Downhole reservoir temperature:	83°C
CO <sub>2</sub> state:	Supercritical
Downhole pressure (2010):	2,100 psia [145bara]
Eventual Pressure (post injection):	3,700 psia [255bara]
Cement:	Class G
Temperature at reservoir during injection expected	~+20 to +30°C

Since about 2005, there have been a number of high profile studies into the effects of CO<sub>2</sub> on Portland cements. Below is a summary of a few of the major studies that are frequently reported.

The effect of CO<sub>2</sub> alterations on Portland cement containing calcium silicate hydrates and calcium hydroxide was studied in both laboratory experiments and field tests.

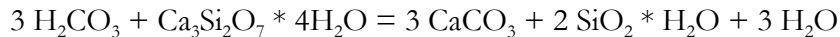
Regular Portland-based cements contain Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub>, which reacts with CO<sub>2</sub> when water is present to form solid calcium carbonate through the following chemical reaction:



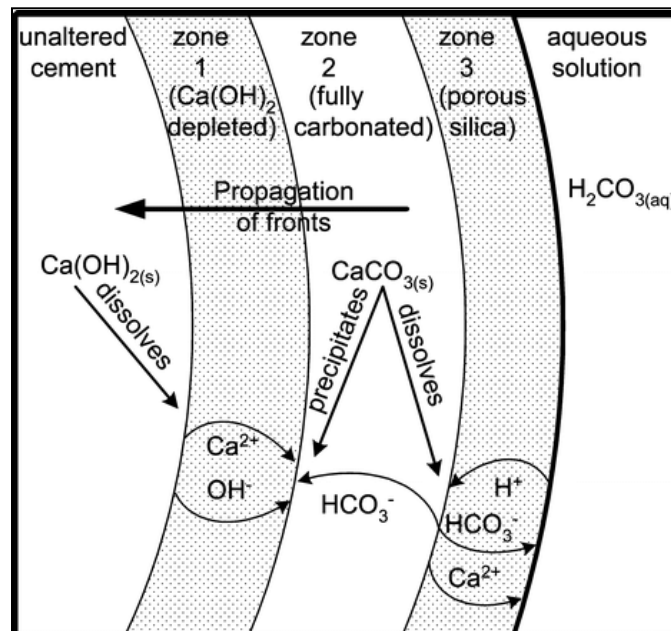
This process is named cement carbonation. Even if this process alters the composition of the cement, it leads to lower porosity in the cement because calcium carbonate has a higher molar volume (36.9 cm<sup>3</sup>) than Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub> (33.6 cm<sup>3</sup>) (Shen and Pye, 1989). For cement sheath integrity, this reaction actually improves the cement’s properties and the carbonation is therefore a self-healing mechanism in the carbonate.



In a CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration project, the supply of CO<sub>2</sub> around the wellbore will continue the carbonation process as long as Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub> is present in the cement. The calcium carbonate is also soluble with the CO<sub>2</sub>, even though it is more stable than Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub>. Experiments by Kutchko et al (2007) showed that when all Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub> has reacted in the carbonation process, the pH will drop significantly (Zone 1 in Figure 4.2). When the pH drops, more of the CO<sub>2</sub> will react with water and form HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> (Zone 2 in Figure 4-2). The abundance of HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> will react with the calcium carbonate to form calcium (II) carbonate, which is soluble in water and can move out of the cement matrix through diffusion (Kutchko et al, 2007). The final reaction that occurs in Zone 3 (close to the cement surface) is calcium silicate hydrate reacting with H<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> to form calcium carbonate (CaCO<sub>3</sub>) according to the following chemical reaction:



The volume of calcium silicate hydrate is larger than the calcium carbonate and this reaction will increase the porosity of the cement in Zone 3, which is the closest to the reservoir formation containing the CO<sub>2</sub>.



**Figure 4-2: Degradation of Wellbore Cement by Saturated Brine Exposure**

Illustration of the different Zones due to the chemical reactions occurring in the cement core during testing. Zone 1 Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub> dissolves and CaCO<sub>3</sub> forms. Zone 2 CaCO<sub>3</sub> dissolves when Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub> is spent. Kutchko et al. (2007).

Barlet-Gouedard et al (2006) tested a Portland cement API Class G in both saturated water and supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> at 90°C. The rate that carbonation occurred for wet supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> conditions was measured and the rate of the alteration front was calculated based on:

$$\text{Depth of CO}_2 \text{ alteration front (mm)} = 0.26 (\text{time in hours})^{1/2}$$

From graphical extrapolation in the Barlet-Gouedard example, the carbonation process will have penetrated 10 mm into the sample after 60 days or 100 mm after 17 years. Kutchko et al (2008) performed similar experiments on a Class H Portland cement slurry at 50°C with a CO<sub>2</sub> saturated brine (Figure 5 and 6). The results for CO<sub>2</sub> supercritical brine at 50°C showed a slower alteration front within the cement. The curve fit estimating alteration depth based on Kutchko et al (2008) results for supercritical CO<sub>2</sub>, comes out as:



Depth of CO<sub>2</sub> alteration front (mm) = 0.016 (time in days)<sup>1/2</sup>

Barlet-Gouedard et al (2008) summarized their CO<sub>2</sub> durability experiments for different cement mixtures. The results indicate that only the Schlumberger proprietary EverCrete<sub>TM</sub> is stable towards long-term CO<sub>2</sub> attack. The Thermalock<sub>TM</sub> from Halliburton was not part of the study.

#### **4.2.4. SACROC**

SACROC is an interesting and relevant insight into the effects of CO<sub>2</sub> on oilfield cements and tubulars. A 52 year old SACROC well with conventional, Portland-based well cement, was exposed to CO<sub>2</sub> flooding operation for 30 years at the SACROC Unit, located in West Texas. At the end of its life, the well 49-6 was cored bringing to the surface samples of cement and casing. The well was being investigated as part of a programme to evaluate the integrity of Portland-cement based wellbore systems in CO<sub>2</sub> - sequestration environments.

The recovered cement had air permeability in the tenth of a milliDarcy range and thus retained its capacity to prevent significant flow of CO<sub>2</sub>. There was evidence, however, for CO<sub>2</sub> migration along both the casing - cement and cement - shale interfaces. A 0.1 - 0.3 cm thick carbonate precipitate occurred adjacent to the casing. The CO<sub>2</sub> producing this deposit may have travelled up the casing wall or may have infiltrated through the casing threads or points of corrosion. The cement in contact with the shale (0.1 - 1 cm thick) was heavily carbonated to an assemblage of calcite, aragonite, vaterite, and amorphous alumino-silica residue and was transformed to a distinctive orange colour. The CO<sub>2</sub> causing this reaction originated by migration along the cement - shale interface where the presence of shale fragments (filter cake) may have provided a fluid pathway. The integrity of the casing - cement and cement - shale interfaces appears to be the most important issue in the performance of wellbore systems in a CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration reservoir.

The most basic observation of the SACROC core is that at well 49-6, Portland cement survived and retained its structural integrity after 30 years in a CO<sub>2</sub> - reservoir environment. While the cement permeability is greater than typical pristine Portland cement, it would still provide protection against significant movement of CO<sub>2</sub> through the cement matrix. The location of the sample at only 3 - 4 m above the reservoir contact suggests that the majority of the cement forming the wellbore seal has survived and would provide a barrier to fluid migration. The cement bond log supports this interpretation of the persistence of cement throughout the near CO<sub>2</sub> -reservoir environment.

The conclusions of the investigation are provided in Appendix 4. SACROC Conclusions.

The SACROC well was first put on line over 50 years ago. Recovery of sections of SACROC well showed that ordinary Portland cement could be successfully used to produce hydrocarbons and then inject CO<sub>2</sub> for 30 years. With the improvements in cement formulations; placement techniques and volume of cement in North Sea wells, the resulting degradation resistance to CO<sub>2</sub> should be better than SACROC.

#### **4.2.5. CO<sub>2</sub> Resistant Cements**

CO<sub>2</sub> resistant cements have been introduced by cementing companies in response to the growth of CO<sub>2</sub> injection projects. These speciality cements first came to prominence around 2005. All three main suppliers to the oil industry have provided and used these specialist cements around the world in CO<sub>2</sub> environments. Products are:

- Schlumberger Well Services EverCRETE

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- Halliburton ThermaLock Cement
- BJ Services PermaSet cement

Calcium Aluminate Cements, known as Fondu Cement are also available from companies such as Lafarge. Cement Fondu is cement based on calcium aluminates - between 40% to 50% of the composition, rather than calcium silicates, which are the basis of Portland cement. Unlike Portland cement, Fondu does not release free lime during hydration. This gives them low porosities that have an excellent resistance to chemical attack, from a wide range of aggressive substances such as CO<sub>2</sub>. Fondu cements are however incompatible with Portland cements, as Fondu is an accelerator for Portland.

The cement company literature shows CO<sub>2</sub> resistant cements as better adapted to degradation than Portland cements. It is possible that these comparisons are slanted to show the vendors' product in a better light - for example by having excess free water in the Portland mix.

However, independent checking or cement qualification is the only way to conclusively verify this.

As CO<sub>2</sub> resistant cements are inert, or close to inert, to CO<sub>2</sub>, any research or qualification of these cements would need to concentrate on mechanical integrity. That is the bonding to formations, to metals, plus triaxial properties. Other factors that must be understood are:

- difficulty of predicting cement setup times
- incompatibility with Portland cements
- isolation of mixing system or cleanliness of mixing system
- mixing and issues around placement must be resolved
- age testing of these cements - how to satisfactorily simulate 1,000 years

### 4.3. DIANA Software

TNO DIANA BV in the Netherlands is a specialist software company that has developed a mechanical cement model. This has been used to simulate the downhole conditions and effects on cement in Goldeneye Platform wells.

Diana Software is strictly a mechanical model. That is it takes no account of chemical effects on cement by carbonic acid. The injection model simulates the thermal effects on the mechanics of the system (casing/formation/cement). Diana software is fairly flexible. It can model a shut-in and 'turn the well around' to flow it or to switch to injecting something else such as water. It cannot simulate repeated cycles of start/stop simulations.

Diana software was run to simulate the mechanical effects on production casing cement of Goldeneye Platform wells. It was used to look at the cement-formation, cement-steel bond in Goldeneye platform wells. The Diana software programme has many inputs and where possible, actual Goldeneye values were used. Values not available such as cap rock shale properties and vertical stress gradients have had typical values applied from local data around the Goldeneye area.

Diana results indicate that the remaining integrity of the cement is sufficient for CO<sub>2</sub> injection into the Goldeneye Platform wells. Reworking of input values to give better indication of expected well temperatures and actual centralisation stand-off was carried out in late 2010. These results similarly proved positive - the remaining capacity of the cement sheath for various simulated operational scenarios is sufficient for CO<sub>2</sub> injection into the Goldeneye Platform wells.



Inputs for the injection modelling include temperatures and pressures predicted from OLGA SPT software and WELLCAT software. Inputs into the model include;

- cement formulation
- cement tops
- pressures
- vertical stress gradient
- azimuth of max horizontal stress
- cohesion
- lithology types
- thermal conductivity, and thermal expansion
- hardening type (linear hardening or softening, or parabolic softening) and corresponding hardening gradient and fracture energy
- placement
- cement bond logs
- casing testing
- max and min horizontal stress ratio
- Young's modulus
- friction angle
- volumetric specific heat
- centralisation
- temperatures
- thermal cycling
- Poisson's ratio
- in-situ stresses

The programme results indicate that the existing cement is not compromised and is good for CO<sub>2</sub> injection. The risk of damage over load phases have been calculated for various scenarios

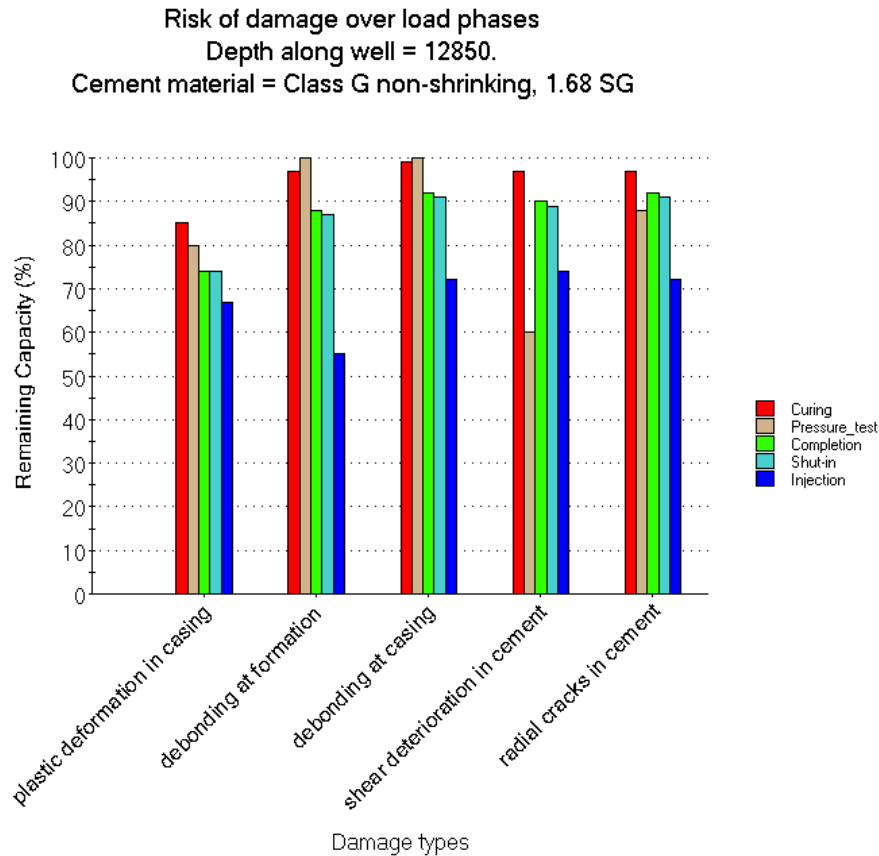
- curing
- completion
- injection
- pressure testing
- shut-in

Three cases have been modelled. These are:

- Risk of analysis of production mode for 5 years
- Risk analysis of injection mode for 1,000 days
- Risk analysis of injection mode for 1,000 days, maximum cool down but no reservoir or casing pressure increase.

These cases are evaluated against the following

- de-bonding at formation
- debonding at casing
- shear deterioration in cement
- radial cracks in cement



**Figure 4-3: Diana Example - GYA04 Risk Analysis of Injection mode for 1000 days**

In all cases and all instances, the results show the "remaining capacity" of the cement is good. The remaining capacity is a measure of the cycling or fatigue that is left in the cement system. The lowest remaining capacity case is down to 40 percent.

This lowest case is, 'Risk analysis of injection mode for 1,000 days, maximum cool down but no reservoir or casing pressure increase' and 'de-bonding at formation'.

The programme has been rerun 4Q2010 with updated input values and for CO<sub>2</sub> injection. The programme still gives acceptable values for remaining capacity. These are within five percent of the 2009 values and within the repeatability of results.

### 4.4. Conclusions

All the summary indications are that existing Portland cement is acceptable for CO<sub>2</sub> injection into Goldeneye wells.

Cement placement has been reviewed for all the wells. Cement composition and volumes placed are all consistent with good practices.

In the Goldeneye case, the injected super-critical CO<sub>2</sub> will be dry. Hence during dry CO<sub>2</sub> injection, carbonic acid is not formed and hence removes the potential for chemical reaction with Portland cement. This takes away the main cause of degradation of the cement. However later in the wells' life there are cases where water shall be present around the wellbores so carbonic acid degradation cannot be discounted.



Field results such as the SACROC CO<sub>2</sub> injection well indicate that Portland cement can retain its integrity in a hostile CO<sub>2</sub> environment.

Software modelling indicates the remaining capacity of the existing cement is good.

The conclusion is that existing wells are suitable.

Portland cements can be modified to slow or prevent reaction with CO<sub>2</sub>.

Specialist non Portland CO<sub>2</sub> resistant cements may have erratic setting times and are difficult to mix and to place downhole. If it is decided to use these cements, independent stress modelling and testing will be required.

There are other technologies that should be investigated such as swelling technologies, alternative plugging materials, and self-healing cements.

Prior to commencing CO<sub>2</sub> injection CBL (Cement Bond Logging) and USIT logs will be performed to evaluate the cement quality, presence and placement. The CBL provides and overall idea of the cement to formation and casing to cement bond. Analysis of the echo from a USIT provides an indication of rugosity, casing thickness and cement acoustic impedance.

#### **4.4.1. Other Evidence**

Glen Bengtson (2009) in his SPE/IADC paper came to similar conclusions to the above, quoted as follows:

" While field results indicate the use of standard Portland cement in CO<sub>2</sub> injection wells would most likely not cause a long-term seal integrity concern, laboratory results are not consistent with the results from field observations.

Currently available technologies have been shown to be very effective in providing long-term seal integrity in wells. Used in concert, and supplemented with advanced simulation work, these technologies can assure long-term seal integrity for the full life cycle of the wellbore.

Seal integrity for CO<sub>2</sub> injection wells cannot depend solely on placing the cement in the well and allowing it to set. Proper design of the cement and future wellbore conditions is critical to maintaining long-term well integrity.

Developing technologies in the area of CO<sub>2</sub> resistant cements will allow the continued use of Portland based cement systems that do not react with CO<sub>2</sub>. Combining these technologies with flexible and expansive materials can further reduce the risk of cement failure.

Incorporating swelling technologies, either through the use of swelling packers or self-healing cement systems, can add an additional layer of assurance of long-term seal integrity. These technologies are not necessarily intended to act as the initial seal in the wellbore, but function later in the life of the well ".

#### **4.4.2. Shrinkage/Expansion tests**

Shrinkage and expansion testing was carried out in a lab in 2011 following the procedure laid out in API RP 10B-5 – recommended practice on determination of shrinkage and expansion of well cement formulations at atmospheric pressure.

This standard provides the methods for the testing of well cement formulations to determine the dimension changes during the curing process (cement hydration) at atmospheric pressure only. This is a base document, because under real well cementing conditions shrinkage and expansion take place under pressure and different boundary conditions.

It was not possible to use the exact cement (Rugby Class G) as used in the Goldeneye wells as Rugby has withdrawn from the oil well market. The samples were cured at BHST.





The results appear relatively precise and repeatable.

It may be concluded that the results suggest a slight tendency for expansion but the significant conclusion is that the tests reveal both negligible shrinkage and expansion for this cement mix which is a close equivalent to the Goldeneye cement slurry.

**Table 4-3: Cement Shrinkage/Expansion Test Results**

	Test 1	Test 2
<b>% Shrinkage</b>	<b>-0.087</b>	<b>0.029</b>
<b>% Expansion</b>	<b>0.043</b>	<b>0.043</b>



## 5. Lower completion

The objective of this section is to analyse the suitability of the current installed Lower Completion for the CCS life cycle in the Goldeneye wells. Questions related to the CCS operation are answered regarding the reliability of the CO<sub>2</sub> injection through the existing lower completion, mitigation mechanisms to ensure the long term injectivity through the lower completion and finally the requirement or not of side-tracking the wells because of the configuration of the current lower completion.

Concerns have been highlighted and the consequences of losing integrity of the lower completion have been discussed

### 5.1. Summary

The Goldeneye wells lower completion consists of open hole gravel pack including a premium screen. From the analysis to date, there is no reason to side-track the wells and to install a new lower completion. No cause has been identified from this analysis which can jeopardize the CO<sub>2</sub> injection across the existing lower completion. There are some operational restrictions related to the characteristics of the CO<sub>2</sub> and some limitations related to the particles in the CO<sub>2</sub> but these are considered to be manageable. The maximum particles size in the CO<sub>2</sub> stream should not to exceed 17 microns to avoid erosion and plugging of the screens and gravel pack and 5 microns to avoid formation plugging.

### 5.2. Lower Completion Description

The five producers in Goldeneye have been completed with gravel pack. The best oil industry practices for sand control requirement, assessment and selection were used in the Goldeneye wells for the production phase.

The lower completion in the Goldeneye wells was selected considering hydrocarbon production. The requirement for sand control was established considering the rock mechanics properties and the well characteristics. The selection of the sand control method was done considering the rock characteristics (e.g. grain size distribution), the understanding of the production phase and the evaluation of the different sand control techniques. Installation operations and long term reliability were also incorporated in the selection.

An alternative Path system was chosen as the preferred option for the lower completion. The following is a summary of the operations carried out during the installation of the lower completion.

- Drill to TD (8.5" [216mm] hole)
- Displaced to solids free mud
- Ran 7" [178mm] pre-drilled liner (ensure formation stability during the gravel pack operation) on drill pipe and washed down to the total depth
- Well displaced from mud (625pptf) to filtered completion brine (550pptf)
- Liner hanger set
- Ran 4" [102mm] Excluder 2000 screen and liner assembly
- Set the gravel pack packer



- Gravel pack 20/40 pumped until screen-out
- Spotted MudSOLV-U820 with enzymes treatment (chelating agent U820 attacking the  $\text{CaCO}_3$  + enzymes attacking the starch)
- FIV closed
- Well displaced to filtered and inhibited seawater
- POOH gravel pack assembly
- Continue with the Upper Completion installation

The principal characteristics of the installed equipment are as follows:

- Pre-perforated Liner; used to ensure formation stability during the gravel pack operation. Size 7".
- Screens; the Excluder 2000 screen (Baker product) was installed in the well. This is premium downhole sand exclusion device. The size was 4" (3.548" [90mm] ID). Medium Wave was used with an average 210 microns weave.
- Gravel Pack; the gravel size used was 20/40. The medium diameter (D50) is approximately 730 microns.
- Other components: FIV – Formation Isolation Valve, 7" predrilled hanger and screen hanger, Perforated pup joint

### **5.2.1. Formations**

The following figure shows the main stratigraphy for the Goldeneye area with the main characteristics of the individual formations.

The main reservoir related to the lower completion is the Captain D. Captain E is sand with relatively low permeability above the Captain D. The Rodby shale is the main seal above the Captain formation. There are some Marls above the Rodby called Hidra and Plenus Marl. The Plenus Marl is not present in all the Goldeneye producing wells.

### **5.2.2. Lower Completion description with respect of formation tops**

The 9 5/8" casing shoe was set at the Rodby shale (with the exception of GYA05 which was set at the Valhall formation). The bottom part of the Rodby and the Captain E layer was not isolated with the casing and as such it is part of the open system of the screens.

The top of the screens is installed above the 9 5/8" [245mm] casing shoe. The top of the gravel pack is estimated to be above the top of the screens in 10-15ft [3 - 4.6m].

The screen hanger is either set at the Rodby formation or the Hidra formation.

The production packer is either set at the Chalk (GYA01 and GYA05) or within the Marls (GYA02S1, GYA03 and GYA04).

Schematics depicting the current well construction with the encountered formations are included in Appendix 1.

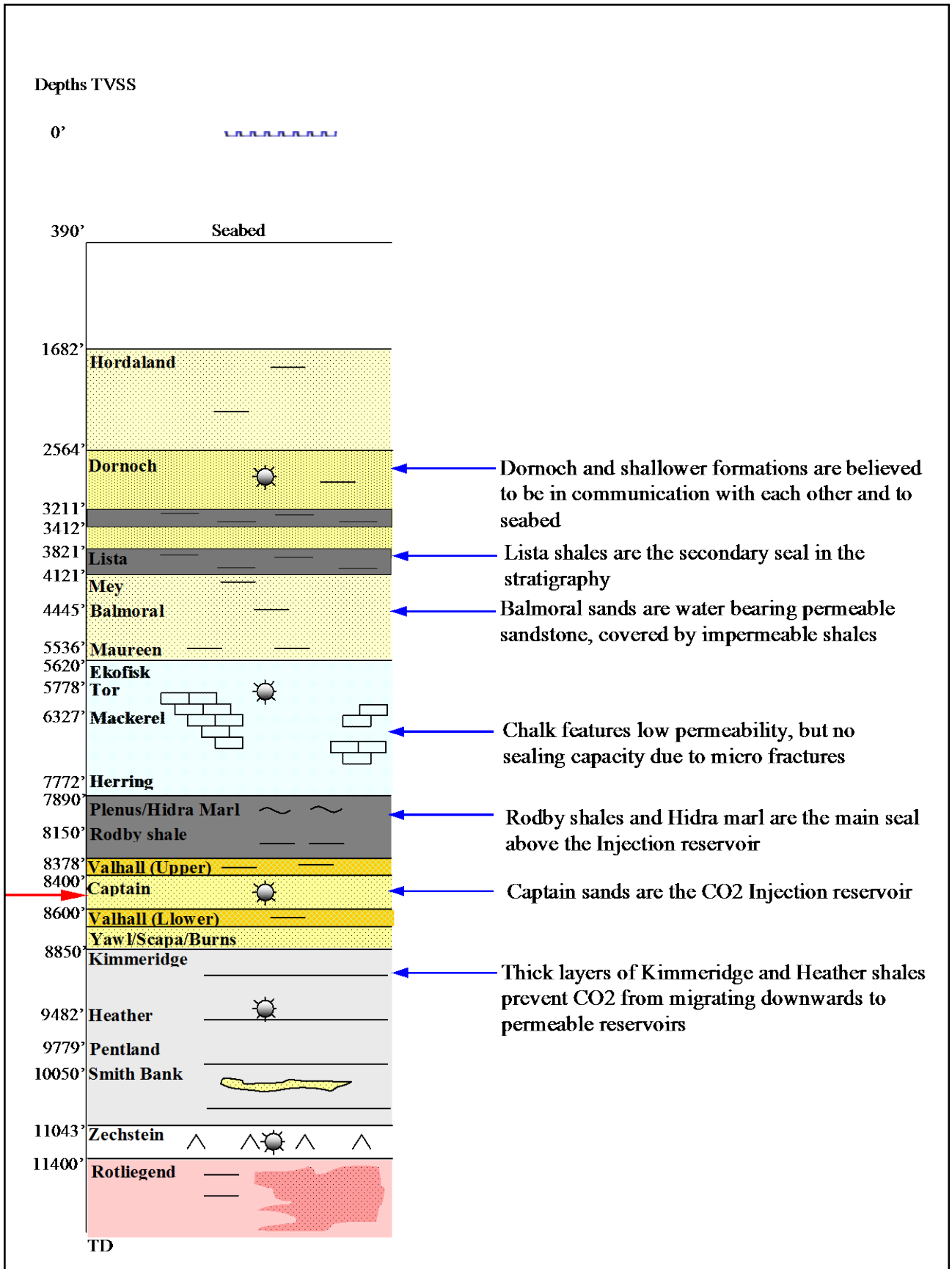


Figure 5-1: Main Stratigraphy for Goldeneye area, average depths of formation tops



### 5.3. Lower Completion under CCS

The principal question regarding the lower completion is its compatibility with CO<sub>2</sub> injection. This section is related to the containment of CO<sub>2</sub> in the lower completion (corrosion and lower part of the well barriers) and the reliability of the lower completion to sustain long-term CO<sub>2</sub> injection (erosion, plugging, flow reversing, etc.).

#### 5.3.1. Corrosion in casing

The lower completion tubing steel is 13% Cr. This is also the case for the 4" [102mm] Screens and 7" [178mm] Pre-perforated liner. The 9 5/8" [245mm] Production Casing is made of Carbon Steel. Free water plus the CO<sub>2</sub> will lead to dissolution of CO<sub>2</sub>, forming carbonic acid (H<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>). This might lead to corrosion of carbon steel. For 13% Cr material this is not considered a corrosion threat.

Corrosion of the production casing above the existing packer is negligible as the completion fluid used in the A-annulus was inhibited seawater installed during the completion operations. The condition of the casing below the production casing is less certain due to presence of Goldeneye hydrocarbon gas in contact with the casing.

The hydrocarbon gas in Goldeneye has a small content of CO<sub>2</sub> (0.4% mol). During the hydrocarbon production phase the 13Cr components are estimated to have practically no corrosion. Goldeneye gas has been in contact with elements below the 9 5/8" packer during the production phase. There is a perforated pup joint between the 9 5/8" production packer and the screens hanger creating a trap volume of A-annulus fluid (most likely seawater). Due to the presence of CO<sub>2</sub> in the gas there is some corrosion potential in the production casing below the 9 5/8" production packer to the casing shoe, especially in the dead volume below the perforated pup joint and the screens hanger.

Goldeneye reservoir is attached to a large aquifer, the wells are currently suspended and hence the lower completion is likely to be in contact with formation water and a dead volume of water between the 9 5/8" production packer and the screen hanger. This is also valid during the transition period between gas production and cessation of gas production to CO<sub>2</sub> injection and storage.

During the initial phase of CO<sub>2</sub> injection the lower completion will be in contact with formation water; with time and CO<sub>2</sub> injection the presence of water will be decreasing as per the water will be displaced by the CO<sub>2</sub>; the water presence will disappear with time.

The estimated wet events to avoid corrosion of the 9 5/8" production casing below the packer has been previously estimated at 3% wet events in 15 years or 165days of wet events. This represents the maximum time allowed to have wet events (CO<sub>2</sub> + water). The injection of the CO<sub>2</sub> will be dry, thereby limiting the wet events. Because of the presence of water in the bottom of the well, the displacing time of the formation water by the CO<sub>2</sub> needs to be considered. Based on CO<sub>2</sub> EOR projects it is estimated that the water in the bottom of the well will be displaced in a matter of weeks.

#### 5.3.2. Cement degradation

The primary cement sheath of the production casing is a barrier to capture the CO<sub>2</sub> downhole in the well. The cement used in the cementation is normal Portland class G cement.

The degradation of Portland based cements in the presence of CO<sub>2</sub> has been studied and documented. The cement degradation is a diffusion controlled process; the depth of penetration



is proportional square root of time ( $\text{time}^{1/2}$ ). Several recently published papers examine various experiments or case studies that examine the potential degradation of Portland based cements when exposed to high  $\text{CO}_2$  environments.

The highest estimated corrosion rates of Portland cement when exposed to  $\text{CO}_2$  gas and wet supercritical  $\text{CO}_2$  are in the range of 12,5 meters/10,000 years (0.125 cm/y). Many of the measured corrosion rates are in the range of 0.5 – 2.5 meters/10,000 years (0.005cm/y to 0.025 cm/y) for the temperatures experienced in the Goldeneye field.

While degradation appears feasible, and is of the order of decades for a cement degradation thickness of  $\sim 1$  cm, even in the worst case scenario (Barlet-Gouedard, 2006), there is no reason for concern for cement degradation through cement of lengths in the order of metres, such as what is present for sealing in the axial (vertical) direction. Even though some cement degradation may be expected at the bottom of the production casing shoe, the probability of axial cement sheath failure is very low as the  $\text{CO}_2$  will be injected free of water and due to the long column of cement above the packer.

In the case of having a casing failure then the  $\text{CO}_2$  can be in contact with the cement in a radial form. In this particular case the radial degradation of the cement sheath (between the 9 5/8" [245mm] casing and the 12 1/4" [311mm] hole (estimated at 2.5cm) can be within the injection period.

### **5.3.3. Formation and Well Barriers**

The Rodby formation is a Marl directly above the Captain formation. It is considered to be the main barrier for the  $\text{CO}_2$  migration due to its characteristics. The permeability of the marls above the Rodby such as Hidra and Plenus are very low, however, there are some elements which can negatively impact the sealing characteristics of the  $\text{CO}_2$  such as reactivity with the  $\text{CO}_2$  due to the high calcareous content.

The theoretical top of the cement (TOC) in the B-annulus between the 9 5/8" [245mm] casing and the 10 3/4" [273mm] hole has been estimated for all five wells during the cementing operations. The cement column from the 9 5/8" casing shoe to the theoretical TOC is calculated at 1,500ft [457m] AHD (Along Hole Depth). Cement evaluation logs were not run during the drilling phase of the wells.

The cement is considered of good quality based on well operation records. The historical records show that the casing integrity is good as a successful pressure test was achieved after bumping the top of the cement plug while securing the 12 1/4" [311mm] section. The historical records of top well annuli pressures also show that no anomalies have been reported in the B-annulus pressures during the production history in Goldeneye.

The distance between the currently installed production packer and the theoretical TOC is between 1,190ft and 1,351ft [363m and 412m] AHD depending on well. This is enough cement length to ensure a barrier in the B-annulus above the production packer.

Given that the TOC is theoretical it is recommended to run a cement evaluation tool to better assess the condition of the cement in the B-annulus during the proposed workovers of the upper completion.

*Recommendation: Run cement evaluation tool during in the 9 5/8" production casing as early opportunity (workover of the upper completion)*

The  $\text{CO}_2$  will be in contact with the carbon steel 9 5/8" production casing below the production packer, but it will be contained above the production packer in the tubing. Below the packer, communication between the  $\text{CO}_2$  and the formations it is only possible after having a corroded



9 5/8" casing and degraded cementation across the radial axis. The likelihood of this event is considered very low considering the injection of dry CO<sub>2</sub>.

Ideally the production packer should be placed in front of the Rodby formation, which is an impermeable seal. This is because the CO<sub>2</sub> cannot be displaced into the Rodby in the event of a casing/cement failure into the Rodby formation due to the sealing characteristics of the formation. However, this is not possible in all the five existing wells because the 4" screen hanger is placed in the Hidra formation above the top of the Rodby. The only way to accommodate the production packer to be placed at the Rodby formation is by side-tracking the wells and designing the lower completion such that the packer will be in front of the Rodby formation.

The production packer might be placed at the Hidra formation. There is a very small risk of injecting CO<sub>2</sub> into the formation in the case of casing failure and cement degradation. This risk is considered very low based on the estimated matrix properties and the absence of fractures. Additionally, during the injection period, the pressure of the CO<sub>2</sub> downhole will be lower than the hydrostatic pressure. As such, there is no reason to plan a side-track for the potential of out of zone injection of the CO<sub>2</sub> as the marls above the Rodby also present adequate sealing characteristics.

The current understanding is that the Chalk cannot be considered as a barrier to the CO<sub>2</sub> flow because of the potential presence of fractures. As such, the production packer should not be installed in front of the Chalk.

Well by well evaluation of the well barriers during injection with respect to the formation:

#### GYA-01

The current 9 5/8" production packer is placed at the Chalk (above the top of the Marl). It is recommended in this well to remove the current 9 5/8" production packer and install a new one in front of the Hidra Marl. There is a gap of ~149ft [45.4m] above the 4" [1.2m] screen hanger to the top of the Hidra Marl to install the new packer.

#### GYA-02S1

The current 9 5/8" production packer is installed in front of the Hidra Marl. There is currently 212ft of gap between the top of the Marl and the currently production packer. A way of simplifying the workover might be by cutting the tubing above the production packer and to install a new packer in front of the Marls within the 212ft [65m] above the existing production packer. This will be investigated during the FEED phase.

#### GYA-03

The current 9 5/8" production packer is installed in front of the Hidra Marl. There is currently 107ft of gap between the top of the Marl and the currently production packer. A way of simplifying the workover might be by cutting the tubing above the production packer and to install a new packer in front of the Marls within the 107ft [32.6m] above the existing production packer. This will be investigated during the FEED phase.

#### GYA-04

The current 9 5/8" production packer is installed in front of the Hidra Marl. There is currently 303ft [92.4m] of gap between the top of the Marl and the currently production packer. A way of simplifying the workover might be by cutting the tubing above the production packer and to install a new packer in front of the Marls within the 303ft above the existing production packer. This will be investigated during the FEED phase.

#### GYA-05



The current 9 5/8" production packer is placed at the Chalk (above the top of the Marl). It is recommended in this well to remove the current 9 5/8" production packer from the well and install a new one in front of the Hydra Marl. There is a gap of ~134ft [41m] above the 4" screen hanger to the top of the Hydra Marl to install the new packer.

From the analysis, the wells can be placed in two groups:

- Existing packer at the Hydra Marl: GYA02S1, GYA03 and GYA04.  
A new packer might be placed above the existing production packer. This might simplify the workover operations. This will be investigated later considering the operations and the risk of leaving the perforated pup joint with CO<sub>2</sub> injection.
- Existing packer at the Chalk: GYA01 and GYA05.  
Removal of the existing packer is required to be able to install a new one deeper into the Hydra Marl.

The final placement of the new packers within the Hydra will depend on the status of the production casing at the moment of the installation. If the new packer can be run above the depth of the existing packer (e.g. GYA02S1, GYA03 and GYA04) then the corrosion risks in the 9 5/8" production casing are limited due to the current presence of inhibited fluid in the A-annulus. However, in the case of having to run the new production packer below the existing production packer then the placement will be more critical depending on the 9 5/8" production casing condition. As such a casing thickness evaluation tool will need to be run in the well.

*Recommendation: Run production casing evaluation tool during the workover.*

## 5.4. Lower Completion Strings

There are two permanent lower completion strings. The retrieval of these strings is not considered feasible due to the gravel pack presence. In the case that the CO<sub>2</sub> cannot reliably be injected through the lower completion then a side-track will be required.

### 5.4.1. 7" Pre-perforated string

The 7" pre-perforated string consists of 7" [178mm] 13Cr pre-perforated liner and Uniflex liner hanger. The hanger is set 160ft above the 9 5/8" [245mm] casing shoe. This string was run in the well to ensure hole stability during the gravel pack operation.

No issues have been identified for the long term operation of the CCS in this string.

### 5.4.2. 4" Screens string

The main elements of this string are A Baker Seal assembly, Baker SC-2R 9 5/8" [245mm] packer, FIV, & 4.00" excluder screens. The screen implication with the CCS is analysed in the next section.

#### 5.4.2.1. Baker Seal Assembly

The Baker G22s seal assembly and 9 5/8" [245mm] SC-2R screen hanger do not form part of the current well pressure containment. There is a perforated pup joint between the 9 5/8" production packer and the SC-2R screen hanger. This creates an open void that would originally have contained inhibited seawater. However it is likely that over the last six years or so of hydrocarbon production operations there has been some hydrocarbon ingress into the void. Given that Goldeneye hydrocarbons contain a small amount of CO<sub>2</sub> (0.4% mol), the possibility





exists that some localised corrosion of the 9 5/8" L80 casing between the 9 5/8" production packer and the G22 seal assembly/SC-2R screen hanger packer could have occurred.

#### 5.4.2.2. Baker SC-2R packer

The Baker SC-2R packer currently installed in Goldeneye wells was used for Gravel pack operations and to hang off the 4.00" [102mm] Baker Excluder Screens. The SC-2R packer will not be removed from the well should the wells be worked over for CCS operations. The SC-2R packer is made of 13% chrome material and is considered to be suitable for use in a CO<sub>2</sub> environment provided that water and oxygen is not present in the feed gas and that there are no temperature excursions outwith the packer operating envelope. The packer is rated to 7,500 psia [517bara] differential pressure from above and below and from 0°F – to 350°F [-18°C - 176°C]. The Nitrile packing element is considered to be suitable for use in a dry CO<sub>2</sub> environment, and because of the deep packer setting depth there are no concerns over susceptibility to explosive decompression. Any failure of the SC-2R packer is mitigated by the fact that there will be a 9 5/8" production packer installed above the SC-2R packer should the well be worked over for CCS operations.

#### 5.4.2.3. FIV

A 5.00" [127mm] 15 lb/ft [20.3Nm] 13Cr Formation Isolation Valve (FIV) is installed as part of the lower completion in all of the Goldeneye wells. In the case of Goldeneye the main purpose of the FIV was to isolate the reservoir from the well bore post gravel pack operations, and to provide a positive mechanical barrier to flow when running the completion tubing. The FIV would then have been opened by application of pressure cycles down the production tubing. It is worth noting however, that remotely opening the FIV by application of pressure is a feature that can be utilised one time only, repeated application of tubing pressure will not operate the FIV once it has been opened. Subsequent manipulation of the FIV requires that a shifting tool be run on coiled tubing or wireline tractor to engage in a shifting profile inside the FIV. When the shifting tool is locked into the shifting profile a force of circa 2,500 lbs [11.12kN] is required to move the FIV in to the closed position. It is not possible to close the FIV by application of pressure or if the FIV is exposed to large pressure differentials.

The FIV is made from 13cr material and is considered to be compatible with CO<sub>2</sub> providing that there is no oxygen in the feed gas. The FIV in its current configuration simply becomes another section of 13Cr tubing and poses no threat to the future integrity of the well. The minimum ID through the FIV of 2.94" [75mm] although reduced when compared with the proposed CO<sub>2</sub> injection wells is sufficient to allow coiled tubing and 2.125" [54mm] O.D wireline logging tools to be run into the screen section.

## 5.5. Gravel Pack / Screens Analysis

The objective of this section is to help develop an understanding of the consequences of screen failure, analyse the suitability and develop preventative measures to ensure injectivity.

The principal consequence of a screen integrity issue would be a serious reduction of injectivity in a relative short period of time because the gravel (from the gravel pack) can fill in the wellbore across the Captain D formation. This would happen during the non-injection periods where the gravel can move freely inside the screen.

The reasons for the scenario and consequences above are:



- There is no rat hole in the Goldeneye wells - Total depth of the well is in the Captain D. Screens set close to the wells total depth. 60-70ft [18.3m-21.3m] of true vertical depth has been completed in the Captain D
- Internal Volume of screens is small - The internal diameter of the screens is 3.548" [90.1mm] ID. The volume inside the screens is only 0.0064 m<sup>3</sup>/m (0.052 bbl/ft).
- Gravel Volume - The top of the screens extends above the top Captain D (63-207ft [19-63m]). There is gravel above the top of the screens (6-21ft [1.8-6.4m]).  
The volume of gravel is ~ 0.023 m<sup>3</sup>/m – 0.187 bbl/ft<sup>3</sup> (This considers a 8.5" [216mm] hole diameter – 7" [178mm] pre-perforated liner – and the screens OD). This value is 3.6 times the volume associated to the screens
- Gravel will cover the wellbore over the Captain D interval in case of any failure - Practically any screen failure will lead to the full coverage of the Captain D with gravel.

### **5.5.1. Material / Corrosion**

The material of the steel installed in the lower completion is 13% Cr. This is valid for the 4" Screens and 7" [178mm] Pre-perforated liner. Free water plus the CO<sub>2</sub> will lead to dissolution of CO<sub>2</sub>, forming carbonic acid (H<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>). This leads to corrosion of carbon steel. For 13% Cr this is not considered a corrosion threat.

Goldeneye reservoir is attached to a large aquifer. At least during the initial phase of injection the lower completion will be in contact with formation water; with time and CO<sub>2</sub> injection the presence of water will be decreasing with time as per the water will be displaced by the CO<sub>2</sub>.

The presence of dissolved oxygen in the CO<sub>2</sub> and free formation water are critical given the current material installed in the lower completion. 13%Cr is not considered suitable at dissolved oxygen levels (in water) higher than 10ppb, failures of 13%Cr tubulars have been seen in very short timeframe in environments where oxygen level has not been controlled. This can lead to high pitting rates and stress corrosion cracking. To avoid side-tracks due to the material compatibility it is recommended to control the oxygen to acceptable levels for the lower completion materials. This has been initially calculated at 1ppm oxygen in the CO<sub>2</sub> stream.

*Recommendation: Maintain oxygen levels compatible with the well material. This is planned to be done at the power plant.*

In the case that the oxygen levels arriving to the well are unacceptable then the wells will require to be side-tracked in order to install a higher-grade material (e.g. 825 alloy, 25Cr with qualification), which is acceptable to the downhole conditions. At the moment, the preferred option is to control the oxygen level arriving to the well.

### **5.5.2. Gravel Pack Design / Operations / Performance**

The best indication of the performance of the lower completion is that sand has not been observed during the hydrocarbon production phase. In-line monitors are installed in the platform for each well and no sand production has been reported.

Most of the screen erosion failures in open hole gravel packs occur as a result of incomplete annulus pack. There are higher possibilities of solids passing through the screen as the fluid seeks the path of least resistance creating a 'hotspot' failure.

Gravel size was properly designed considering the Goldeneye sand characteristics in the Captain D. The selected gravel size was 20/40.

Gravel was placed around the screens and 7" pre perforated liner based on volumetric calculations during the operation. Theoretical calculations indicated that the top of the gravel is



above the screens (6-21ft [1.8-6.4m] depending on well). Screen out was observed during the operation in all the wells with the exception of GYA02S1.

### **5.5.3.Plugging / Erosion**

There are two effects to the lower completion, which are intimately related: plugging and erosion. Both issues depend mainly on particles in the injection fluid. In the case of plugging the injected fluid can increase in speed through the open space of the system, which might lead to 'hotspot' erosion.

#### 5.5.3.1. Plugging

Plugging may reduce the injectivity through the screens and gravel with time.

In a production system the gravel will act as the main filter of the formation sand whilst the screen will act as the filter for the gravel. In general the gravel reduces the particles in contact with the screen and reduces the velocity at which particles contact the screen.

In an injection system particles larger than a critical size will start to accumulate internally at the screens. Smaller solids may pass through the screen and accumulate in the gravel. Some smaller solids might be able to travel through the gravel.

The internal volume of the screens across the Captain D reservoir is very small, from 0.31 to 0.55m<sup>3</sup> (1.9 – 3.4 bbl) (depending on the well). Practically there is no allowance for the accumulation of solids inside the screen.

Given that the same offshore pipeline used for the hydrocarbon production will be used for the CO<sub>2</sub> injection there is a possibility that particles of varying size might be displaced into the lower completion. During the production phase it is possible that corrosion products and/or formation fines might be settling in the pipeline. The offshore pipeline will be cleaned during the commissioning phase. Removal of the solids and liquids during this phase is very important to ensure the long term integrity of the pipeline and the lower completion. However, given the geometry of the pipeline (20" [508mm] diameter and ~100km long) it is operationally difficult to remove all the particles currently present in the pipeline. It is wise to assume that not all the particles will be removed during this cleaning operation.

It is not acceptable to displace the current content of the pipeline (debris as fines or corrosion products and liquids water and MEG) into the wells prior to CO<sub>2</sub> injection.

The amount of solids present during the injection condition operation is currently unknown. The dry CO<sub>2</sub> condition will reduce the risk of having corrosion products injected into the wells, but there is no warranty of having CO<sub>2</sub> free of particles.

Considering the likely presence of solids in the injection stream then filtration of the CO<sub>2</sub> is required. The particle size requirement depends on the currently installed equipment in the Goldeneye wells.

The following are the rules of thumb accepted in the industry related to the particles size with respect to flow in a porous media:

- Particles larger than 1/3 of pore throat size will bridge
- Particles smaller than 1/7 of pore throat size will flow through the matrix without plugging.
- Particles between 1/3 and 1/7 of pore throat size will invade and impair the porous media
- Pore throat size is 1/6 of particle size in a packed sand matrix with reasonable sorting



Considering the dimensions of the currently installed equipment in GYA and the rules of thumb, the following calculations have been made:

Screen aperture dimension: 208 microns (Baker information)

Proppant Size: 20/40, D50 of proppant: 730 microns, gravel pore throat size (1/6): 120 microns

Formation Captain D D50 : 230 microns, average pore throat size (1/6) : 40 microns

- Particles larger than 70 microns plugs at the screen face (1/3 screen aperture)
- Particles larger than 40 microns plugs at the screen/proppant face (1/3 gravel)
- Particles between 17-40 microns bridges on formation sand face at interface with proppant, resulting in plugging of the gravel pack (1/7 & 1/3 gravel)
- Particles larger than 13 microns plugs the sand face (1/3 formation)
- Particles between 6-13 microns invades and impairs the formation (1/7 – 1/3 formation)
- Particles smaller than 6 microns sails on through deep into the formation (1/7 formation)

Hence in order to avoid plugging of the lower completion a maximum particle size of 17 microns is permitted. This is in line with other Shell projects around the globe where water is filtrated to avoid lower completion plugging in water injection projects.

*Recommendation: Maximum particle size to be accepted with the CO<sub>2</sub> string is 17 microns considering only the lower completion limitations. This can be as low as 6 microns considering the formation plugging.*

According to the previous calculation and in order not to plug the formation, particles as small as 6 microns will need to be excluded from the injection stream.

In the case of screen and gravel pack plugging, then the speed of the injected fluid through the open space of the screen/gravel pack will increase potentially leading to 'hotspot' erosion.

#### 5.5.3.2. Erosion

Erosion is one of the most common mechanisms of screen failure. Screen erosion is a progressive failure that depends on fluid velocity, particle size and concentration and fluid properties. Erosion of the screen can be caused by the high downhole flow of fluid through the screens. The presence of solids will increase the erosion rate.

For erosion in the screens, it is normally accepted that particles above 30 microns will dramatically increase the erosion rate. As such, particle size above 30 microns should be avoided.

The aperture velocity (velocity at the slots or open space of the screens) for each well has been calculated assuming uniform distribution of the fluid in the screen, 10% of open space in the steel of the screens and only the length of the screen across the Captain D at varying downhole flow rates. This is shown in the following figure.

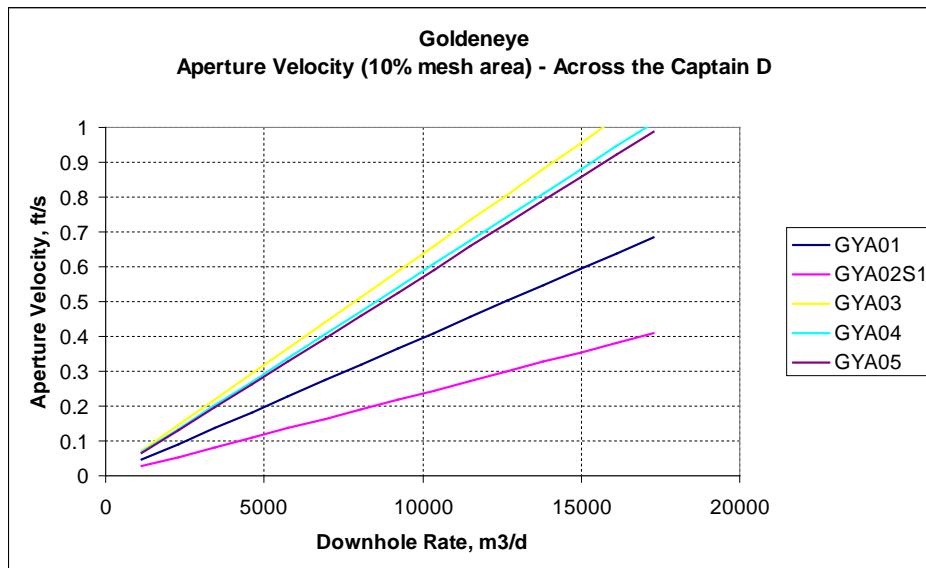


Figure 5-2: Aperture velocity in the screen assuming uniform distribution

During the injection process the CO<sub>2</sub> will contact first the screens (Excluder 2000). As such, the restrictions for stand-alone screens (SAS) related to erosion should be applied (instead of the gravel pack restrictions). Liquid limitations (instead of gas limitations) should be used as the density of the CO<sub>2</sub> at bottom hole injection conditions will be very high ~920-940 Kg/m<sup>3</sup>. For liquid flow the normally accepted industry velocity is 1ft/s [ $\sim$ 0.3m/s] for production conditions.

It is clear that the aperture velocity (assuming uniform flow) during the hydrocarbon production phase is much higher than the expected velocity during the CO<sub>2</sub> injection case. In both cases the aperture velocity is below the threshold velocity. In CO<sub>2</sub> it is more variable depending on the downhole conditions of pressure and temperature because of the CO<sub>2</sub> variation with these properties.

However, the aperture velocity assumes uniform flow through the screens. Under production conditions this can be considered a good approach due to the presence of gravel distributing the flow – the flow is dispersed and distributed across the screen, which reduces the creation of hot spots. Under injection conditions the CO<sub>2</sub> will be first in contact with the screen increasing the susceptibility to plugging. If a large area of the screen is plugged or flow is going through a short interval such as fractures, the erosion rate can be considerably higher creating a hot spot injection.

Even considering a reduction of the maximum aperture velocity from 1ft/s to 0.25ft/s [ $\sim$ 0.3 to 0.076m/s] (quarter of the maximum recommended velocity) due to the reasons described above there will not be any limitations in the wells with respect to the downhole injection velocity of the CO<sub>2</sub> under steady state conditions.

The main consequences of the calculations are:

- Well Start-up procedure - Start up procedures in the wells should be developed to be able to cope with the Joule Thomson effect in the top of the well (rapid injection) and to avoid very high downhole rates created by high rates at warm CO<sub>2</sub> conditions at the screen level after some shut-in period.
- Avoid fracture propagation conditions - In the case of injection under fracturing conditions the lower completion might suffer from integrity issues due to the following reasons:



- CO<sub>2</sub> flow into the fracture and hot spot erosion

The CO<sub>2</sub> will be injected through the two wings of the created fracture. The CO<sub>2</sub> velocities will be extremely high and screen erosion might occur. The normal width of a fracture is in the order of 1" to 2" [25-51mm]. Holes in the screen can be developed, screen integrity is lost and then injectivity problems can happen.

- Gravel might be displaced into the fracture

There have been some cases reported where the gravel has been displaced from the annulus space between the hole and the screen inside the propagating fracture. This will result in the screens not having gravel behind them. The 20/40 gravel installed in Goldeneye is small enough to be transported into the potentially created fracture.

#### **5.5.4. Hydrates**

The formation of hydrates is only possible when water is present in sufficiently significant quantities and the temperature and pressure of the fluid is within the hydrate formation window.

During hydrocarbon production, water has encroached into the Goldeneye gas cap and at least part of the well gravel pack will be surrounded by water at the time that injection commences. The trapped gas saturation is estimated to be 25%, so some methane will remain near the well. The methane is miscible with CO<sub>2</sub> and consequently will eventually be displaced by the injected CO<sub>2</sub>. The initial injection of CO<sub>2</sub> will drive water away from a well and cool the reservoir. The cooling of the injection well and the surrounding reservoir matrix induced by the injection of CO<sub>2</sub> does have the potential to create conditions favourable for the formation of hydrates

In order to reduce the initial risk of hydrate formation during the first years of injection (once water is displaced from the wellbore) it is considered prudent to introduce batch hydrate inhibition prior to operational opening of a well for injection purposes. If water is subsequently introduced into a well and/or it is suspected that water is present in a wellbore, then batch injection should continue. Methanol is currently preferred as an inhibitor and this will be supplied to the platform via the 4" [102mm] piggybacked supply pipeline from St Fergus. Batch hydrate inhibition will feature as an instruction in the well operational procedures that will be developed for the injection system

#### **5.5.5. Injection Experience with Sand Control**

Baker (the supplier of the screens) has indicated that the screen can be used for CO<sub>2</sub> injection. There will be no modifications required to use the Excluder2000 screen for injection purposes.

There is experience in water injection projects with similar kind of screens.

The main operating practice in water injection projects with sand control is safeguarding the injection system by having a tight control in the water specifications namely solids content and size. In some Shell projects the water specification calls for a maximum particle size of 5 micron. Normal practice is in the order of 17 microns.

#### **5.5.6. Flow Reversing (production - injection)**

By reversing the flow from the production hydrocarbon production phase to the CO<sub>2</sub> injection phase, there might be some re-accommodation of fines currently embedded in the gravel pack under hydrocarbon production.

Sand failure had occurred in Goldeneye due to the level of depletion and the rock strength. Fines have been trapped / embedded in the gravel pack, which is designed for this function. The well productivity has not decreased with time.



These formation fines embedded in the gravel pack can get mobilized against the formation (like an external filter cake) and create an additional pressure drop reducing the injectivity in the well.

The effect of this pressure drop is considered low due to the following reasons:

- Well productivity stable with time - indication of a limited volume of fines being trapped with time as the pressure drop in the wellbore has been stable.
- Captain D is well sorted sandstone - completed in the top of the D sand where the sand sorting is better. Fines percentage in the Captain D is very small
- Gravel pack designed considering the general criteria in the oil industry - gravel can have formation particles (principle of the gravel pack / screens)
- Industry experience in underground storage with sand control

A remedial activity in the case of finding this issue is by side-tracking the well to avoid the trapping of solids in the lower completion during the production phase.

## 5.6. Well Selection Basis

The priority for the well selection is based on well position in the reservoir. Considering ONLY the lower completion, then CO<sub>2</sub> should preferably be injected first in wells with long screens; there will be more plugging allowance and a lower screen velocity. Wells with a better gravel pack operation should be given priority to decrease the risk of failure and or reduction of the drawdown, which might be applied. Consideration should also be given to the complexity of the initial well modification for CCS.

In summary, the priority of injection should be as follows:

1. GYA- 01. Long screens but current packer needs to be removed to install a new one at the Hydra formation
2. GYA-03 and GYA04. Short screen but workover can be relatively easy leaving the current packer in place
3. GYA-05. Short screen and current packer needs to be removed to install a new one at the Hydra formation
4. GYA-02S1. Longest screens but problems during the gravel pack operation impose drawdown limitations. Workover can be relatively easy leaving the current packer in place.



## 6. Goldeneye Well Upper Completions

This section evaluates the suitability of the current Goldeneye platform wells upper completions for CO<sub>2</sub> injection and long term exposure to CO<sub>2</sub>

The following paragraphs highlight some of the concerns with the current design and materials used in the existing completions, the most critical being the Joule Thomson cooling and associated effects.

A review of these concerns leads to the conclusion that the existing upper completion is not suitable for the project and shall hence require to be changed out, i.e. an upper completion workover is necessary.

### 6.1. Current Well Integrity Concerns

Well integrity tests (WITS) are carried out on an annual basis. All well integrity information is captured and stored in eWIMS (global electronic database that captures well integrity data for Shell operated wells) under the responsibility of a Well Integrity Focal Point. Additionally, the control room monitors annulus pressure gauges on all wells continuously, with alarms at predetermined levels, and the data stored in RTMS. None of the wells is subject to any known major integrity issues.

An intervention campaign was carried out in 2012 and suspension plugs were set in all the wells. At the time some safety valve control line integrity issues were noted on wells GYA01 and 03. Corrective measures were also required to some FWV and UMV stem seals. This was carried out during subsequent intervention trips in Nov 2012 and February 2013. From table 6-2 it can be seen that this work ties in with the wells suspension activities.

In a number of wells (GYA 02, 04 and 05) the lowermost suspension plug was set above the downhole gauge thereby allowing the reservoir pressure and temperature to be monitored.

**Table 6-1: Well Integrity Overview – eWIMS data**

General		Tubing			A Annulus			B Annulus				
Well Name	Status	Tubing OK	MAASP [bara]	Trigger [bara]	Min [bara]	Actual reading [bara]	Recording date	MAASP [bara]	Trigger [bara]	Min [bara]	Actual reading [bara]	Recording date
GYA01	Suspended	Y	206	103	10	30	12/19/2013	2 2	19	2	5	12/19/2013
GYA02S1	Suspended	Y	206	103	10	16	12/19/2013	8	7	2	3	12/19/2013
GYA04	Suspended	Y	206	103	10	22	12/19/2013	1 7	15	2	6	12/19/2013
GYA05	Suspended	Y	206	103	10	22	12/19/2013	2 2	19	2	8	12/19/2013
GYA03	Suspended	Y	206	103	10	21	12/19/2013	8	7	2	4	12/17/2013



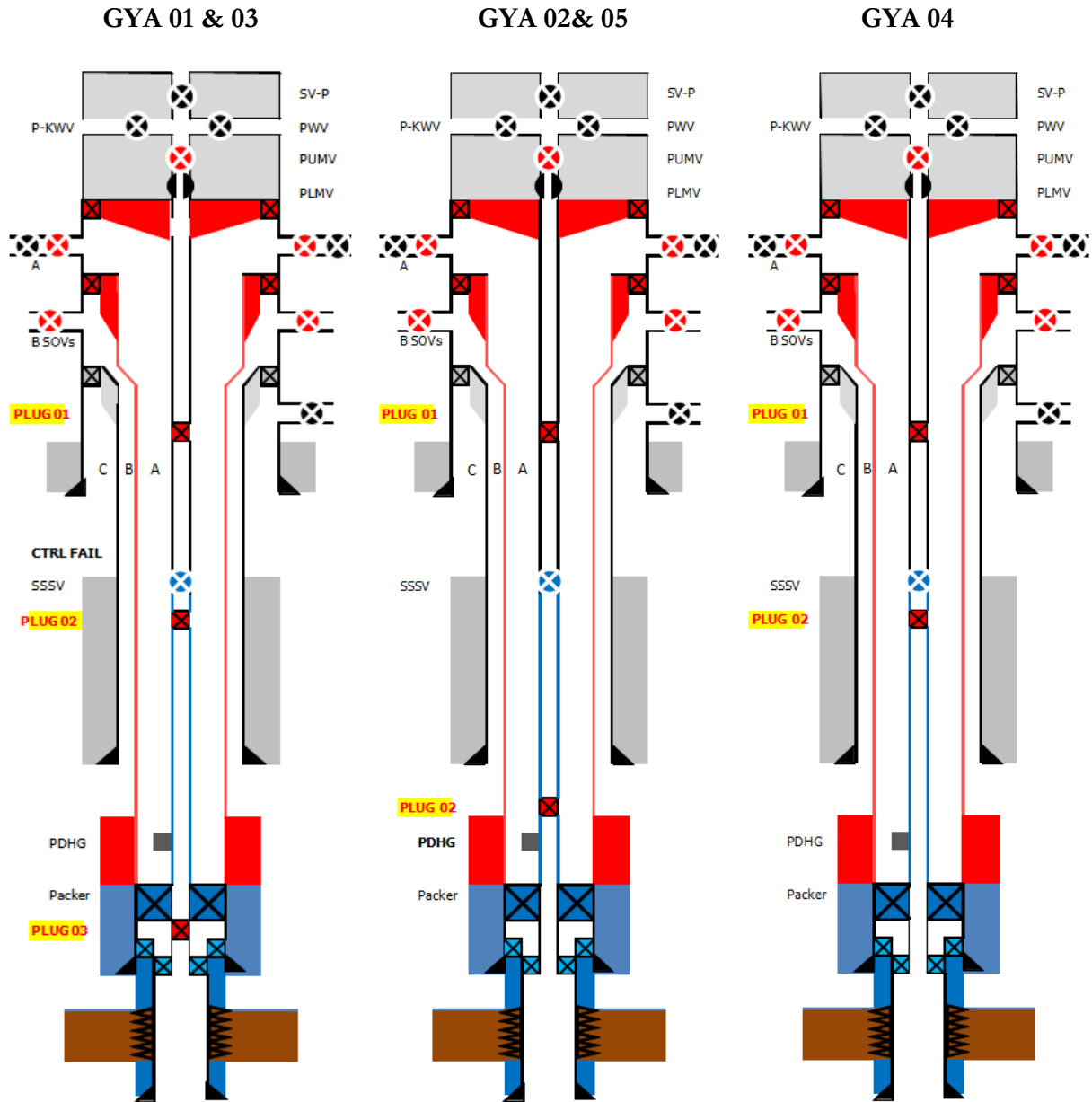


Figure 6-1: Wells Suspension Status

Table 6-2: Well Suspension Plugs – Setting Depths (ft) [1ft = 0.3048m]

	GYA01	GYA02	GYA03	GYA04	GYA05
Suspended	Nov 2012	May 2012	April 2012	May 2012	Feb 2013
Plug 01	139ft	124ft	134ft	118ft	148ft
Plug 02	2669ft	10362ft	2618ft	2976ft	7731ft
Plug 03	8595ft		9017ft		
	Gas migration through SSSV control line		Gas migration through SSSV control line		



### 6.2. CO<sub>2</sub> Phase Behaviour

The combination of initial low reservoir pressures, circa 285psi [19.7bara], large bore tubing 7" [178mm] and low arrival temperature of CO<sub>2</sub> to the platform 4-7°C makes it impossible to maintain CO<sub>2</sub> above the saturation point when injecting CO<sub>2</sub> through the existing 7.00" x 5 1/2" [178mm x 140mm] Goldeneye completion tubing. Injecting CO<sub>2</sub> through the existing completion tubing will allow the CO<sub>2</sub> to expand and cross the gas liquid phase boundary causing a Joule Thomson effect and extremely low temperatures. These extremely low temperatures caused by injecting CO<sub>2</sub> in the existing completions will create serious complications in terms of well design and operability as the temperature in the CO<sub>2</sub> will be below the lower threshold limit of some existing well equipment. The low temperature threshold of the existing completion is detailed further in this section.

In order to prevent this, there will be a requirement to change the shallow well equipment (christmas tree, hangers, a portion of the tubing) for extremely low temperature service. There will also be integrity issues associated with freezing of annuli fluids in the wells.

### 6.3. Well Integrity Concerns Due to Extreme Cooling

The very low temperature raises concerns with the current completion design relating to well bore freezing, material specification and tubing contraction. Of particular concern is that the forces exerted on the Polished Bore Receptacle (PBR) will exceed the shear ring rating of 120klb. Regular movement of the PBR mandrel due to variation in downhole pressure and temperature will cause the PBR seals to fail allowing the CO<sub>2</sub> to enter the A annulus. In the A annulus the CO<sub>2</sub> will mix with the water based completion brine resulting in the formation of carbonic acid. The resultant carbonic acid would corrode the 9 5/8" [245mm] L80 casing in a relatively short period of time; potentially resulting in failure of the well envelope. The following figure indicates that in three out of four load cases studied, the rating of the PBR will be exceeded.

**Table 6-3: Tubing to Packer Forces (GYA-02) (1lb=4.45N, 1psi=0.0690bar ,1ft=0.3048m)**

Load case	WH CO <sub>2</sub> inj temp (°C) (input)	Tubing-to-Packer Force (lb)	calculated WH CO <sub>2</sub> inj Pressure (psi)
CO <sub>2</sub> inj 45 MMscf 1800 bhp	-5	-79,031	445
CO <sub>2</sub> inj 75 MMscf 1800 bhp	-5	-144,500	445
CO <sub>2</sub> inj 45 MMscf 5000 bhp	-5	-132,521	1630
CO <sub>2</sub> inj 75 MMscf 5000 bhp	-5	-138,785	1720

**Length change / PBR movement**

Hooke's Law (ft)	Buckling (ft)	Balloon (ft)	Thermal (ft)	Total (ft)
2.51	0.00	1.37	-5.91	-2.02
3.26	0.00	1.48	-9.24	-4.5
3.14	0.00	-1.13	-4.60	-2.59
3.19	0.00	-1.17	-4.87	-2.85

Other items of concern with regard to low temperature are detailed in the table below together with suggested mitigations.

**Table 6-4: Low Temperature Threshold of Current Completion Equipment**

Item of Equipment	Lower Temperature Limit	Remarks/Mitigation
Cameron Christmas tree block	-18 °C	Predicted temperature (-25°C) is colder than low temperature threshold. Current Christmas Tree material can be up graded from 4140 low alloy steel to F6NM stainless steel which has a low temperature threshold of -60°C.
Cameron 3 Stage Compact Spool	-18°C	Predicted temperature (-25°C) is colder than low temperature threshold. Compact spool is made from 4130 Low alloy steel and cannot be replaced without adding complexity to the workover operation.
Cameron Tubing Hanger	- 18°C	Predicted temperature (-25°C) is colder than low temperature threshold. Tubing hanger material can be upgraded in line with the increased Christmas Tree specification.
Production casing 10 3/4" x 9 5/8"	- 40°C	Temperature adequate for steady state injection. Potential complicated operation to replace L80 casing in the upper section of the well.
Production Tubing 13Cr L80	-20 to - 30°C	More investigation required to confirm the use of this for steady state production. Can be replaced with super 13Cr which has a low temperature threshold of -50°C
A- Annulus Fluid Sea Water	- 1.8 °C	Predicted temperature (-25°C) is colder than low temperature threshold. Replace with Base Oil
TRSSSV	-7 C	Temperature adequate for steady state injection at SSSV depth. Further qualification to be carried out in advance (one year) of workover operations commencing
TRSSSV Control Line Fluid	- 40°C	Temperature adequate for steady state injection. Alternative control line fluid to -60°C available

#### 6.4. Tree & Wellhead Concerns

The Goldeneye tree/wellhead is a robust system adopting primary metal to metal seals. The tree and wellhead were primarily designed for gas production, which makes it a good candidate for CO<sub>2</sub> injection. The three main areas of concern are ED (explosive decompression) resistance, corrosion resistance and low temperature performance.



- ED resistance - The tree has provided good ED resistance so far in gas production service. The elastomers, which could be susceptible, are in the annulus regions, which would require breakdown of the primary seals to be exposed. If the elastomers were exposed to an ED environment, they would show signs of ED damage on the side exposed to the gas, however as they are constrained in the groove severe damage does not occur until the seal is removed allowing it to expand and tear as gas escapes from inside the elastomers.
- Corrosion resistance - This tree/wellhead system is material class FF rated, which will be resistant to dry CO<sub>2</sub>. However if the CO<sub>2</sub> becomes wet, it will form carbonic acid, which will corrode carbon steel and depending upon the pH level may corrode stainless steel.
- Low temperature performance - The tree is designed for temperature class U (-18 to 121°C), limited by the bonnet and the tree block, both being 410 stainless steel and temperature class U.

It is anticipated that the tree/wellhead is suited to CO<sub>2</sub> injection for the specified steady state operating parameters, only for temperatures down to -18°C. Thermal analysis would be required to verify that the tree is suitable during the transient condition during valve closure. The integrity of the completion is also paramount to prevent CO<sub>2</sub> in the annulus areas.

The main issue is that 410 stainless steel has a low Charpy impact value that could generate cracking. The F6NM alternative in ES-002019-01 conforms to API-6A impact requirements.

The Christmas tree and tubing hanger will require to be replaced with a lower temperature rated system.

## 6.5. Upper completion Workover

To mitigate against the aforementioned effects it is necessary to design a completion string that will introduce sufficient back pressure to the injection system so that CO<sub>2</sub> can be maintained above the critical point in a single dense liquid phase, thus preventing the extreme cooling from the Joule Thomson Effect occurring.

A re-completion operation would provide an opportunity to -

- Remove the perforated pup joint between the production packer and the screen hanger
- Optimise the tubing to maintain single phase injection and introduce injection flexibility
- Carry out cement bond logs and casing calliper runs
- Set the new production packer deeper, to be in front of the Hydra seal. Ideally the production packer should be placed in front of the sealing formation. The current packer in the wells GYA01 and GYA05 are across the bottom of the Chalk
- Optimise in-well surveillance.
- Replace components such as christmas tree, tubing hanger, annulus fluid etc. with lower temperature resistant/rated types.



## 7. Upper Completion Concepts

As discussed in the previous section in order to utilise the Goldeneye wells a workover or replacement of the upper completion is necessary.

This section summarises the various completion designs that have been considered during the select phase and the reasons why they were discounted. The considered options are schematically represented in the figure below.

### 7.1. Completion requirements & Options

The principal requirement for each completion type is to promote frictional pressure losses in the tubing so that the injection pressure can be maintained above 50bara. This will ensure that that CO<sub>2</sub> can be maintained in the dense liquid phase. Other requirements are;

- Well design: Installation ease, normal practice in the industry and North Sea, reliability of the solution and optimisation opportunities
- Injection Flexibility: Management of injection requirement, flexible injection from the minimum to the maximum of the CCP.
- Well Integrity: Maintain well integrity, carry out prescribed integrity tests
- In- Well monitoring: ability to install and have reliable data from PDGs, DTS, etc.
- Well Intervention: Easiness to intervene the well (wireline, coil tubing)
- Life Cycle Cost: CAPEX, OPEX and abandonment cost

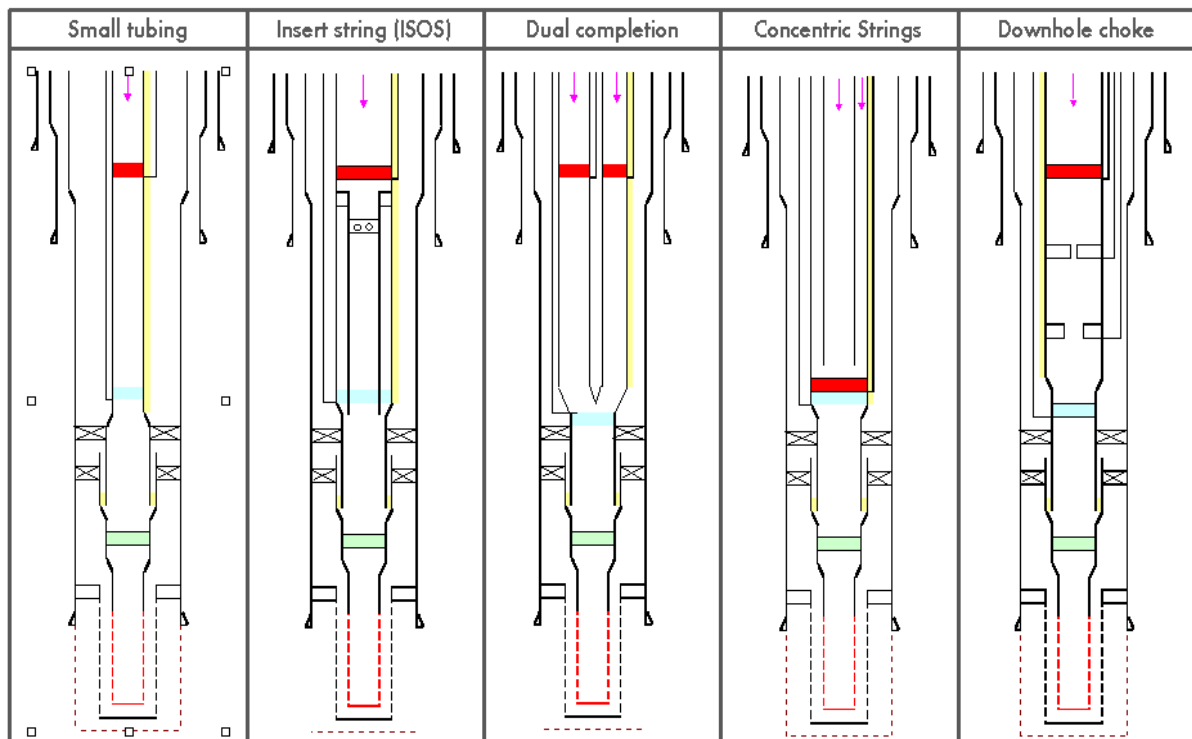


Figure 7-1: Completion Options for CCS



The available completion options can be divided in two groups:

- Friction dominated concept: small tubing, insert string, dual completion and concentric strings.
- Downhole choke

Schematics representing each completion concept are included in Appendix 6.

**7.1.1. Single Tapered Tubing (Small Tubing)**

Under this scenario a single tapered tubing is used in the Goldeneye wells to create the required delta pressure to keep the CO<sub>2</sub> in single phase at the wellhead. A minimum rate is imposed per well. The combination of wells will be able to meet the CO<sub>2</sub> rates from the capture plant.

**Table 7-1: Single Tapered Tubing Evaluation**

Criteria	Evaluation
Well Design	(+) Simple and Standard completion (+) Simple Wellhead Different tubing sizes required (4 1/2" & 3 1/2" [114mm & 89mm]) (-) Small tubing. 3 1/2" is not a common size in the North Sea, but plenty of onshore experience
Injection Flexibility	One string per well (+) Combination of wells provides the required injection conditions for the life cycle of the project. (-) Limited range of injection conditions – depends on tubing size (-) Minimum rate required
Well Integrity	(+) SSSV setting depth can be optimised (+) corrosion logs possible (+) Pressure Integrity Test is possible. Special tool might be required due to the small tubing size.
In-well monitoring	(+) Normal installation. Enough annular space for in-well tools (+) Multiple PDG and DTS can be installed, internal and external readings can be measured
Well Intervention	(+) Standard. Limited ID depending on tubing size and FIV (2.94" [74.7mm])
Life Cycle Cost	As a minimum 2 injectors required + 1 back up (+) simple integrity workover (if required) (+) no late workover required to meet CCP rates (+) reduced future abandonment costs and complexity

**7.1.2. Insert String**

The installation of an insert or velocity string below the SSSV will introduce the required frictional pressure losses into the injection system, thus maintaining the supplied CO<sub>2</sub> above the saturation line in the dense liquid phase.

The main advantage of the system is the ability to install the SSSV at a depth similar to currently installed SSV in the existing wells.

**Table 7-2: Insert String Evaluation**

Criteria	Evaluation
Well Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(-) Medium complexity, experience in the gas industry with velocity strings</li> <li>(+) Simple wellhead</li> <li>Different tubing sizes required (4 ½" &amp; 3 ½" [114mm &amp; 89mm]) in the insert string</li> <li>Hanger inside the tubing is critical. Pressure sealing required in the top of the insert string. Extra stresses created by this configuration.</li> <li>(-) Unable to fix integrity concerns in the completion tubing</li> </ul>
Injection Flexibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One string per well. A workover to remove the insert string might be executed to expand the operating envelope of the well once the reservoir pressure increases. More applicable to expansion storage projects.</li> <li>(+) Combination of wells provides the required injection conditions for the life cycle of the project.</li> <li>(-) Limited range of injection conditions – depends on tubing size</li> <li>(-) Minimum rate required</li> <li>(+) Optimisation: Install SSD in the insert string or perforate the insert string to increase the operating envelope</li> </ul>
Well Integrity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(-) Severe vibration expected. Inner tubing not in tension, free-hanging. Tubing integrity can be lost by the excessive moving and banging into the outer tubing.</li> <li>(+) SSSV depth</li> <li>(-) corrosion logs not possible in the outer string (the tubing providing CO<sub>2</sub> containment in the tubing). Corrosion log possible in the inner string.</li> <li>(-) Pressure Integrity Test not possible in all the tubing length (where the insert string is positioned)</li> </ul>
In-well monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(-) PDG and DTS in the outside tubing. External reading of temperature might not be representative due to the distance to the injected CO<sub>2</sub>.</li> </ul>
Well Intervention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(+) Limited ID depending on tubing size and FIV (2.94" [74.7mm])</li> </ul>
Life Cycle Cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As a minimum 2 injectors required + 1 back up</li> <li>(-) Expensive integrity workover (if required)</li> <li>(+) no late workover required to meet CCP rates</li> <li>(-) Slightly more expensive abandonment</li> </ul>







**7.1.3. Dual Completion**

Each tubing in a dual completion well will introduce the required frictional losses into the injection system. A minimum rate in each string should be maintained to avoid CO<sub>2</sub> flashing in the top of the well.

The advantage of the system is to expand the operating envelope per well by injecting in one or both tubing strings at the same time. Dual 3 1/2" [89mm] 13Cr tubing and 2 7/8" [73mm] 13Cr tubing will meet forecasted injection volumes of CO<sub>2</sub> with the use of fewer wells. DTS, PDGs would be able to be incorporated in the well.

**Table 7-3: Dual Completion Evaluation**

Criteria	Evaluation
Well Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(-) High complexity. Low experience in the North Sea with dual strings</li> <li>(-) Dual XM tree required. Long lead item. Goldeneye wellhead is not designed for a dual XM tree and tubing hanger. A new build XM tree is likely to be required.</li> <li>Y-tool preferred over dual packer (stronger completion)</li> <li>(-) impact of tubing stresses when injecting down in the a single string</li> <li>(-) Mechanical barriers to be recovered through small tubing.</li> <li>(-) Congested well bay (dual wellhead + dual flow lines)</li> </ul>
Injection Flexibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two string per well.</li> <li>(+) Increase flexibility per well (3 different injection sizes: tubing1, tubing 2, tubing 1 +2)</li> <li>(-) Minimum rate required</li> <li>(-) More difficult inflow calculation. Total capacity of the well should be approximately ~ 0.85 of the tubing 1 + tubing 2 due to inflow restrictions.</li> <li>(-) Congested well bay</li> </ul>
Well Integrity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(+) SSSV depth. 2 SSSV per well operating independently.</li> <li>(+) Corrosion log possible</li> <li>(-) Multiple/complex leak paths</li> <li>In case of a tubing failure, injection might continue in the well by isolating the leaking string.</li> </ul>
In-well monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(-) Limited space in the A-annulus. Ability to install devices depends on the completion size</li> <li>(-) PDG below Y-tool. DTS possible in one or both strings depending on size. Number of penetration increase in the wellhead</li> </ul>
Well Intervention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(+) Limited ID depending on tubing size and FIV (2.94" [74.7mm])</li> <li>(+) 2 strings to get access to the wellbore. However, Y-tool will cancel this option (only one string normally has access to the wellbore)</li> </ul>
Life Cycle Cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As a minimum 2 injectors required + 1 back up. Not possible to meet injection expectations with only one well</li> <li>(-) Very expensive initial workover</li> <li>(-) Expensive integrity workover (if required)</li> </ul>



- (+) no late workover required to meet CCP rates
- (-) Expensive abandonment

**7.1.4. Concentric Completion**

The inner string will be run inside the outer tubing string. The advantage of the system is the ability to change injection from the inner tubing to the outer tubing or both expanding the operating envelope per well.

**Table 7-4: Concentric Completion Evaluation**

Criteria	Evaluation
Well Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(-) High complexity completion. No major experience in the hydrocarbon industry with concentric completions</li> <li>(-) Special dual wellhead required (Horizontal tree). Special design and long lead item. The current wellhead is not suitable for running a concentric completion from surface to require depth.</li> <li>Different tubing sizes required (4 1/2" &amp; 3 1/2" [114mm &amp; 89mm]) in the inner string</li> <li>(-) Unable to fix leaking in the completion tubing</li> <li>(-) Deep set SSSV</li> <li>(-) Lots of modifications required to standard practice in the oil industry.</li> </ul>
Injection Flexibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two string per well.</li> <li>(+) Increase flexibility per well (3 different injection sizes: inner, annulus between inner and outer tubing, both))</li> <li>(-) Minimum rate required</li> <li>(-) More difficult inflow calculation. Total capacity of the well should be approximately ~ 0.85 of the tubing 1 + tubing 2 due to inflow restrictions.</li> <li>(-) Congested well bay</li> </ul>
Well Integrity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(-) Severe vibration expected. Inner tubing not in tension, free-hanging. Tubing integrity can be lost by the excessive moving and banging into the outer tubing. This can be considered as a showstopper for this kind of completion.</li> <li>(-) SSSV depth. The SSSV can be installed below the inner string. No remedial activities in the SSSV due to the ID restriction of the concentric string. The valve is set very deep with larger CO<sub>2</sub> inventory.</li> <li>(-) corrosion logs not possible in the outer string (the tubing providing CO<sub>2</sub> containment in the tubing). Corrosion log possible in the inner string.</li> <li>(-) Pressure Integrity Test not possible in all the tubing length (where the insert string is positioned)</li> </ul>
In-well monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(+) Existing completion (7" [178mm]) with PDG and cable.</li> <li>(-) PDG and DTS in the outside tubing. External reading of temperature might not be representative due to the distance to the injected CO<sub>2</sub>.</li> </ul>
Well Intervention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(+) Limited ID depending on tubing size and FIV (2.94" [74.7mm])</li> </ul>



Life Cycle Cost	As a minimum 2 injectors required + 1 back up (-) Expensive integrity workover (if required) (+) no late workover required to meet CCP rates (-) Expensive abandonment
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**7.1.5. Downhole choke**

Under this scenario, a tubing retrievable downhole choke is installed which creates the delta pressure required to manage the CO<sub>2</sub> in dense phase along the well. It may be possible to control the choke from surface via a hydraulic control line. Multiple chokes may be deployed.

Normally the downhole choke should be installed at a depth where no phase changes can occur to avoid vibration and cavitation. For Goldeneye wells this is deep in the well.

**Table 7-5: Downhole Choke Evaluation**

Criteria	Evaluation
Well Design	Smart application. (-) Control line requirement. Proven technology for inflow control modifications where small delta P is required. In our case high delta P is required across the device. (-) Wellhead with more penetrations (special hangers or modifications required). (+) Normal tubing size of the North Sea Small chokes required (6/64 <sup>th</sup> " – 11/64 <sup>th</sup> " [2.38 – 4.37mm]) (-) Prone to choke erosion and plugging Placement not very critical of the choke. In the dense phase (deep in the well). Optimisation: Installation of multiple downhole chokes
Injection Flexibility	One string per well. Large pressure drop in the downhole chokes. (-) Big change of operating range with small changes in size diameter. (-) Pressure and Temperature drop across the choke might increase the potential for hydrate deposition. Late injection will not require downhole chokes as the reservoir pressure will increase.
Well Integrity	(+) Standard SSSV (-) Corrosion log and Pressure integrity test possible above the choke. Not possible below the choke.
In-well monitoring	Same as single tapered tubing (+) Normal installation. Enough annular space for in-well tools
Well Intervention	(-) Partial. No access to the reservoir. Access below the choke will depend on choke type.
Life Cycle Cost	As a minimum 2 injectors required + 1 back up



- (+) no late workover required to meet CCP rates
- (-) High chance of well activities to change downhole chokes
- (-) Smart application. Expensive workover

## 7.2. Wellhead & Christmas Tree

The current Goldeneye wellhead is a Cameron supplied, 18 ¾" [476.25mm] SSMC compact Wellhead. The christmas tree is a Cameron 5,000 psia [345bara], FFY type, c/w 6 ⅜" [162mm] FLS type gate valves, 18 ¾" x 5,000psi [476.25mm x 345bara] fast lock connection bottom and 7 1/16" [179mm] API 5,000 psia studded connection top.

The tree is manufactured to PSL 3 (Product Service Level 3), Temperature class "U" (-18°C to 150°C), material class FF (stainless Steel Trim). Hydraulically actuated valves use Shell Tellus, T15 hydraulic fluid (oil based) as an operating medium. The 18 ¾" SSMC type wellhead has two exit penetrations for TRSSSV C/L and PDGM signal cable.

### 7.2.1. Dual Completion

The Goldeneye wellhead is not designed for a dual Christmas tree and tubing hanger. There is no facility to orientate a dual tubing hanger when landing off inside the 18 ¾" [476.25mm] SSMC style wellhead, i.e. there is no guide pin in the wellhead or orientation slot in the current tubing hanger running tool. Consequently, it would be very difficult to plan in advance for the final orientation of a dual Christmas tree and the routing of flow lines and surface control equipment. Furthermore, it is not possible to lock a dual tubing hanger in place inside the current wellhead configuration

Discussions between Shell and representatives from Cameron Limited concluded that if a dual Christmas tree is required for Goldeneye CCS operations consideration should be given to commissioning a complete new build. A new build dual Christmas tree will ensure that the following requirements are engineered into the design.

- Orientation facility.
- Tubing hanger running and orientation tool.
- Method of locking the tubing hanger in place.
- Additional penetrations for Distributed Temperature System (DTS) and Permanent Downhole Gauge Monitoring (PDGM).

Approximately 1 ½ to 2 years are required for design, manufacture and FAT testing.

### 7.2.2. Concentric completion

The Goldeneye wellheads and Christmas trees in their current configurations are not suitable for running a concentric completion from surface to required depth. There is currently no field proven method of hanging off a capillary sting inside the current Goldeneye wellhead while retaining the facility to inject down both the inner and outer strings.

For it to be possible to hang off a capillary string inside the existing Goldeneye 7.00" x 5 ½" [178mm x 140mm] completion tubing an additional 7 1/16" [179mm] API 5,000 psia spool piece c/w tubing hanger profile, lock down facility and flow line connection will be required. Although this type of operation has been carried out before within Shell, it is not a standard operation and there is currently no standard equipment that is fit for purpose. A new/modified



spool piece that is compatible with the existing Goldeneye Christmas trees will have to be designed and manufactured.

As the capillary tubing will be run through the original Christmas tree valves and TRSSSV, effectively making them redundant, it is almost certain that a SCSSSV & ASV system will be required to mitigate against uncontrolled release of CO<sub>2</sub> at surface. Incorporating control line exits into the system is an additional challenge has potential to add significant cost and time to the project.

The additional spool piece will also raise the height of the flow line necessitating changes to the configuration of the existing flow lines. Additionally it will reduce the available height for installation of wireline logging tool strings.

Another option under consideration when installing a capillary string to surface is the Weatherford renaissance system; a system where by a capillary string incorporating a SCSSSV can be run in to the existing 7.00" x 5 1/2" completion tubing. The inclusion of a SCSSSV which is set inside the original Goldeneye TRSSSV precludes any possibility of injecting down the capillary string x 7.00" tubing annulus.

### **7.2.3. Single Tapered Tubing**

The existing Goldeneye wellhead has two wellhead penetrations that are used for TRSSSV and PDGM. Should the wells be worked over and re-completed with small bore tubing there may be a requirement for an additional penetration for a DTS fibre optic cable so that the injection well can be monitored for leakage of CO<sub>2</sub> in to the Annulus. Although it is not possible to retro fit an additional penetration to the 18 3/4" [476.25mm] SSMC style wellhead, it is possible to add one or more wellhead penetrations to the 18 3/4" fast lock connector on the bottom of the Goldeneye style christmas tree, modifications to the existing style tubing hanger will also be required.

After six years of sustained gas production it is not known if the condition of the existing Goldeneye christmas trees are suitable for injection of CO<sub>2</sub> over the planned 15 to 20 year life cycle. A new Christmas tree with lower temperature rating shall be required.

### **7.2.4. Insert String & Downhole choke**

No changes required to current Christmas tree or flow line configuration for both of these options. It is possible to run the insert string through the current 6 3/8" [162mm] Christmas tree.

The downhole choke option would require some modifications to accommodate for the extra control lines. Systems do exist which would allow for multiple chokes to be deployed on a reduced number of lines, the exact number of penetrations is yet to be defined, however it is likely to be more than the current scope allows for.

## **7.3. Comparison of Completion Concepts - Discussion**

The initial installation of the single tapered completion option is the simplest and most robust. The other systems present extra challenges / cost in comparison to the single tapered completion, specially related to the wellhead and christmas tree system (for dual completion and concentric string). For the insert sting option, the inner string hanger is critical to the CO<sub>2</sub> management. The downhole choke would require special control lines and increased penetrations depending on the number of chokes to be installed.

For all the friction dominated completions there will be a minimum injection rate. The injection flexibility in the single tapered system can be managed with the number of wells. The other



friction dominated systems present more flexibility in terms of number of injection conduits per well. However, the combination of different wells with different injection characteristics will be able to accommodate the varying rates from the capture plant during the life cycle. The downhole choke option may have issues regarding well envelopes in case of erosion/abrasion of the choke (small changes in choke size can have significant changes in pressure drop and hence unpredictable envelopes).

The well integrity management in single completion is ideal; position of all the safety devices is robust and the production packer can be optimally placed based on cement bond and casing calliper logs. The insert string and concentric string options presents a serious integrity problem related to the vibration of the inner string when injecting high velocity CO<sub>2</sub>. The position of the SSSV in the concentric string is critical as the depth would be very close to the reservoir. The number of potential leak paths is high for dual completions. A pressure integrity test in the downhole choke option would be challenging below the valve if it is not possible to retrieve the valve.

The single completion tubing and the downhole choke completion present the best option for in-well monitoring. The in-well monitoring is not ideal in the insert and concentric strings as the temperature information is from the outer tubing string. Depending on tubing size there might not be enough space for accommodating all the required devices in a dual completion.

The well intervention for the friction dominated completion concepts is similar. Dual completion options present slightly less than ideal conditions due to the intervention being possible in only one string if Y-tool options is selected. In the single tapered tubing the only restriction for well intervention is related to the tubing size (potential landing nipples) and deep in the well by the FIV. The downhole choke option will have limitations in easy intervention as the restriction would require to be removed prior to any intervention.

The life cycle cost is influenced primarily by the cost of the initial installation and future workovers. The number of wells does not have a major influence as the storage license will cover all five existing wells.

A traffic light system can be used to visualise the advantages and disadvantages of the different completion systems. Green represents ideal conditions and red represent a serious concern.

**Table 7-6: Completion Concept Selection – visualisation**

	Small Tubing (Tapered)	Insert String	Dual completion	Concentric	Big tubing + Downhole choke (Smart)
<b>Well Design</b>	Green	Yellow	Orange	Orange	Light Green
<b>Injection Flexibility</b>	Light Green	Green	Green	Green	Light Green
<b>Well Integrity</b>	Green	Red	Light Green	Red	Light Green
<b>In-well monitoring</b>	Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Green
<b>Well Intervention</b>	Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Yellow
<b>Life Cycle Cost</b>	Light Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow



Considering the discussion above the single tapered completion concept has been selected.

## 8. Selected Upper Completion Concept

Modifications are required to ensure well integrity and create frictional pressure losses into the injection system, creating a backpressure at surface sufficient to maintain the supplied CO<sub>2</sub> above the gas liquid phase boundary in the dense liquid phase, thus minimising the effects of low temperature in the well due to the Joule Thomson effect. Modelling has shown that the optimum method for creating backpressure in the system is to re-complete the Goldeneye wells with small-bore tubing.

For the reasons based on the comparison carried out in the previous section the single tapered string option has been selected as the optimum solution.

Under this scenario a single tapered tubing string is used in all the wells to create the required delta pressure to keep the CO<sub>2</sub> in single phase at the wellhead. The string will comprise of 4 ½ and 3 ½ inch tubing. In order to maintain the CO<sub>2</sub> in a single dense liquid phase a minimum rate is imposed per well. By changing the setting depth of the tubing crossover each well can have its own individual operating envelope. By injecting into a combination of wells the overall operating envelope will allow for flexibility to handle the varying range of CO<sub>2</sub> delivered from the capture plant. This design will allow for standardisation of the well components, the variable would be the placement of the tubing crossover. In addition the monitoring well may have some enhanced instrumentation. This has to be defined in the FEED phase.

Changing out the tubing string allows for wireline logging runs for cement bond evaluation to be carried out along with casing calliper runs. This will allow for optimisation of the production packer setting depth.

The ideal placement of the production packer would be across the impermeable Rodby shale; however this is not possible as existing screen hanger is set in the Hydra formation immediately above the Rodby shale. The production packers can be set across the Hydra Marl which has been deemed suitable for this requirement. The Hydra Marl along with the Rodby Shale forms the main seal above the Captain Reservoir.

In the case of GYA 01 and 05 this would mean setting the new production packer deeper than the existing production packers, i.e. setting the packers in a section of casing that has previously been exposed to the production fluids due to the inclusion of a perforated pup joint in the existing completion design. It is therefore essential to evaluate the condition of this section of casing and to carry out any required remedial work.

When the wells were originally drilled and completed cement bond logging was not carried out. Records of the cementing operation have been kept and theoretical top of cements are documented, however the workover would provide an opportunity to carry out cement evaluation and determine the top of cement.

The cement bond logs along with the casing evaluation and final position of all the production packers will help align the Goldeneye wells with the abandonment philosophy outlined in document no. PCCS-05-PT-ZW-7180-00001, Abandonment Concept for Injection Wells.

The packer fluid will be selected during the FEED phase, the considerations and options that are being evaluated are discussed further in this section. It may be necessary to include a circulation



sub above the production packer to allow the selected packer fluid to be circulated however every measure to avoid this will be taken.

The proposed upper completion design will seal inside the lower completion PBR and will not include a perforated pup, thereby containing all the wellbore fluids within the tubing and protecting the entire casing above the screen packer from CO<sub>2</sub> and the resultant carbonic acid. This will help ensure longevity and well integrity; this does however create a trapped volume between the two packers. Measures to mitigate against this will have to be explored during the FEED phase and may lead to the inclusion of a pressure relief valve.

Another option that will be explored during the FEED phase is to remove the trapped volume all together. Under this option the upper completion will not seal inside the lower completion. A stinger shall be included in the upper completion and this shall enter the lower completion thereby providing a conduit but not a seal. The length of this conduit/stinger is critical and shall have to be sufficient to avoid any active wetting of the CS casing that shall be exposed below the new production packer. Feasibility of this will be reviewed during the FEED.

The selected option allows for the deployment of permanent downhole pressure and temperature gauges. These are attached to mandrels which form part of the tubing string and are powered and communicate via a dedicated electric control line to surface. Multiple gauges can be deployed on a single line. Deployment of such systems is standard practice within the North Sea and knowledge of this exists within Shell. Also to be evaluated during the FEED phase is wireless monitoring systems which offer advantages such as ease of deployment and reduce the number of hanger penetrations required, but these systems have a finite battery life,

Pressure and temperature modelling suggests that the BHT (Bottom Hole Temperature) is likely to be in the region of 17°C-35°C [63- 95°F]. The selected gauge shall have to be calibrated for this temperature range. It is proposed to include at least two pressure and temperature gauges in each well which shall allow for an inferred density measurement. In one of the injection wells a third gauge shall be installed close to the 4 ½ x 3 ½ [114mm & 89mm] crossover to help understand the CO<sub>2</sub> phase behaviour and help calibrate the injection rates.

The concept also allows for the inclusion of fibre optic monitoring systems that can provide distributed temperature measurements (DTS) across the entire length of the completion, allowing for well integrity monitoring, and injection optimising and early detection of potential issues. Acoustic/vibration sensing may also be incorporated within this monitoring package. The monitoring well may incorporate additional instrumentation in comparison to the injection wells.

Installing a new completion means critical items such as the downhole safety valve which forms part of the ESD system can be placed at the most optimal depth. The formation of hydrates has been identified as a potential concern; this along with other requirements will determine the new setting depths for the safety valves. The SSSV shall be positioned deep enough in the well so as to be unaffected by the same failure mechanisms that can compromise surface ESD systems, and shallow enough that closure times are not compromised by having to overcome high hydrostatic pressures in the control line and to facilitate the testing of the valve by reducing the volume to bleed off.

Control line fluid (Castrol Brayco Micronic SV/3) is currently qualified for operations covering the temperature range of -40°C to 200°C [-40°F to 392°F], Castrol Brayco SV/3 has a low pour (<-50°C [<-58°F]) point making it suitable for operations in low ambient temperatures.

Changing the original upper completion will allow for a new safety valve control line to be run as part of the new completion, this will allow for the control line material and fluid to be optimised for the new well conditions.





Testing of the SSSV is predicted to be a lengthy operation (24-40hours) especially when the tubing between the valve and the wellhead is filled with dense CO<sub>2</sub>. In order to minimize this time the top of the tubing is proposed to be 4 ½" [114mm] tubing rather than 5 ½" [140mm].

Modelling has revealed that the most severe effects due to the JT cooling occur in the tubing above the safety valve; therefore the option of using Super 13Cr tubing above the safety shall be evaluated during the FEED phase.

The generally accepted low temperature limit for 13Cr steel is from -10 to -30°C (depending on manufacturer) and for Super 13Cr it is estimated at -50°C. In any case, impact testing of 13Cr or Super 13Cr tubing will be required for equipment to be run in the wells (especially in the top part of the wells, where extreme low temperatures are expected during the transient).

The Christmas tree and tubing hanger shall be changed to low temperature compatible materials and service class.

Any elastomers used in components such as packers and tree valves etc which come in contact with CO<sub>2</sub> or the JT associated low temperatures can be selected with these specific concerns in mind thereby mitigating against effects such as explosive decompression. Elastomers lose flexibility at low temperatures with reduced or failing sealing as a result. The elastomers selected must be adequate for the corresponding piping class and their suitability for CO<sub>2</sub> service has to be analysed.

The proposed upper completion addresses all the concerns highlighted in section 6

- The upper completion design will bring the JT cooling effect within manageable levels
- The upper completion and selected packer fluid will protect the carbon steel casing.
- The production packers will be set deep in the Hidra Marl.
- Cement bond logs and casing calliper runs will be carried out. Safety valve setting depths will be optimised
- Well monitoring for early failure detection will be installed
- The monitoring capability will further allow calibration of the injection rates
- The tubing above the safety valve, the tubing wellhead and Christmas tree will be replaced with suitable low temperature class of service equipment.
- Elastomers will be replaced with suitable compounds to mitigate against explosive decompression

The single string completion is considered to be the best solution for CO<sub>2</sub> injection operations for the following reasons:

- Solution for the lifecycle of the well, no late life workover are foreseen
- Minimum modifications required to christmas tree and well head
- All monitoring requirements PDGM / DTS can be accommodated.
- Best solution for well intervention operations, Coiled Tubing, Wireline Etc.
- Least complex of all the options considered
- Packer setting depth can be optimised for final abandonment.
- PBR removed, no elastomeric sealing elements above the production packer.



GYA 01 Proposed	Depth MD (ft)	Description of Item	ID (Inches)	Drift (Inches)
	79	Tubing Hanger	6.169	
		7.00 29# Tubing 13Cr/S13Cr	6.184	6.059
	139	XO 7.00" 29# x 4 1/2" 12.6#	3.958	3.833
		4 1/2" 12.6# Tubing 13Cr/S13Cr	3.958	3.833
	2500	SCTRSSSV 4 1/2" 13cr	3.813	
	3130	Casing XO 10 3/4" x 9 5/8"		
	6800	XO 4 1/2" 12.6# x 3 1/2"	2.922	
		3 1/2" Tubing	2.922	
	8430	X/O/Wire Finder Trip Sub 3 1/2" x 4 1/2" 12.6#	2.992	2.787
	8536	4 1/2" PDGM for PDG + DTS	3.958	3.833
		4 1/2" 12.6 # Tubing	3.958	3.833
	8596	9 5/8" x 4 1/2" Packer	3.818	
		4 1/2" Circulating/Pressure Relief Device	3.958	3.833
		4 1/2" Tubing		
	8696	Baker SC-2R packer/screen hanger 13Cr (existing)		
		G22 Seal Assembly	3.958	3.833
	8650	XO 4 1/2" 12.6# x 2 7/8" 6.4# FJ Tubing	2.441	2.347
	8755	Schlumberger FIV (existing)	2.94"	
	8850	2 7/8" Mule Shoe		
	8952	Top of 4.00" Screens (existing)	3.548	

Figure 8-1: Proposed Completion Schematic



## 8.1. Packer Fluid requirement

Basic completion fluid requirements for Goldeneye Wells:

- Avoid / minimize Corrosion in tubing / production casing. Effect of completion fluid on tubing material should be minimal
- The rheological properties of the packer fluid should be stable during injection period
- It should have low freezing point to cope with the well transient conditions and should be stable in terms of phase envelope
- The fluid should be solid free
- The target is to have some pressure (5-10 bara) in the A-annulus during the shut-in and injection conditions

The options of using Brines such as Calcium bromide and Calcium chloride are being evaluated as they offer a low crystallization point, around  $-50^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

In the case of a small leak (tubing to annulus) the  $\text{CO}_2$  can saturate the brine and lead to a corrosive environment. In order to design this scenario out oil Based packer fluids will also be evaluated

This will be reviewed during the FEED phase and an optimal solution will be selected.

The bottom hole temperature and therefore the iso-thermal gradient will decrease from initial conditions at circa  $85^{\circ}\text{C}$  to steady state injection conditions of circa  $20^{\circ}\text{C}$  -  $40^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Consequently the fluid in the "A" Annulus will shrink as cold  $\text{CO}_2$  is injected into the well. As the fluid in the annulus shrinks (by approx. 300ft [91.44m]) a vacuum will be created in the upper section of the well tubing/casing annulus. While a vacuum may act as an insulator for the upper section of the well during transient conditions, normal practise is to try and maintain a positive pressure on the annulus as a first indication of tubing to annulus communication.

Topping up the annulus and applying a pre-set reference pressure is a suitable solution for steady state injection operations. Should the well be closed in for any length of time, the well will gradually return to (worst case) the original geo-thermal condition at  $85^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

It can be calculated that for an average  $30^{\circ}\text{C}$  increase in temperature:

- In the case that base oil is the fluid in the annulus the pressure can potentially increase to circa 5,560psi, [384bara].
- In the case that water is the fluid in the annulus the pressure can potentially increase to circa 1,850psi, [128bara].

One option currently under consideration but which requires further investigation is to install a quantity of nitrogen in the A-Annulus to a depth of circa 300ft [91m]. This will cushion the effects of the expanding annular fluids.

The evaluation of available options and further investigation will take place during the FEED phase.

## 8.2. Well Operating Envelope

Working the Goldeneye wells over and installing small ID completion tubing will create the required backpressure to maintain the supplied  $\text{CO}_2$  in the dense liquid phase. However the small ID tubing does not completely mitigate against the Joule Thomson effect and the associated extreme low temperatures. Completing the wells with small ID tubing strings does however make these effects manageable. This section summarises the various steady state and



transient conditions that have been modelled. The results obtained from the modelling are used to contribute to the well design specification.

SPT Group OLGA software (Version: 6.2.4 - Single Component Module - CO<sub>2</sub>) is used for all transient analysis. CO<sub>2</sub> PVT is inbuilt in the module, which is calibrated with National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) data.

For steady state calculations and analysis, WePS (Shell Well Performance Simulator) and Prosper (Petroleum Experts IPM 7.1) was also used.

**8.2.1. Steady State Operations**

The operating range of a well is defined with the injectivity curve or inflow performance at a given reservoir pressure and the vertical lift performance. Under steady state injection, the well should not inject below 50bara due to the JT characteristics of the CO<sub>2</sub>; this will generate a minimum rate that the wells can manage. The maximum injection rate per well is given at the maximum injection pressure of ~115bara.

Another consideration affecting the frictional pressure drop is the roughness of the tubing material. This has been modelled and included in the Conceptual Well Completion Design Proposal, document no. PCCS-05-PT-ZW-7180-00003

A maximum velocity in the tubing of 12 m/s will be used in restricting the wells envelope. The 12 m/s maximum velocity is equivalent to having the following injection rates in different tubing sizes.

**Table 8-1: Injection rates vs. tubing size [1"=25.4mm]**

Tubing Size, in	Internal Diameter, in	In-situ Injection Rate for 12m/s in the tubing, m3/d	Injection Rate for 12m/s in the tubing, MMscfd (CO <sub>2</sub> ~ 970m m3/d)
4 1/2"	3.958	8230	120
3 1/2"	2.922	4700	68
2 7/8"	2.441	3130	45

For 3 1/2" [89mm] tubing the maximum injection rate per well would be 68 MMscfd which is higher than the capacity of the capture plant. The operating envelope of the well can be varied by installing difference tubing sizes. Similarly the injection temperature is an important factor in determining the operating envelope. If the wellhead temperature increases the capacity of injecting CO<sub>2</sub> into the wells decreases (at the same pressure conditions) due to the CO<sub>2</sub> density variations. There is some variation in injection rate per well due to the CO<sub>2</sub> temperature (when considering the extremes for winter and summer) which needs to be considered for meeting the minimum and maximum rates of the CCP.

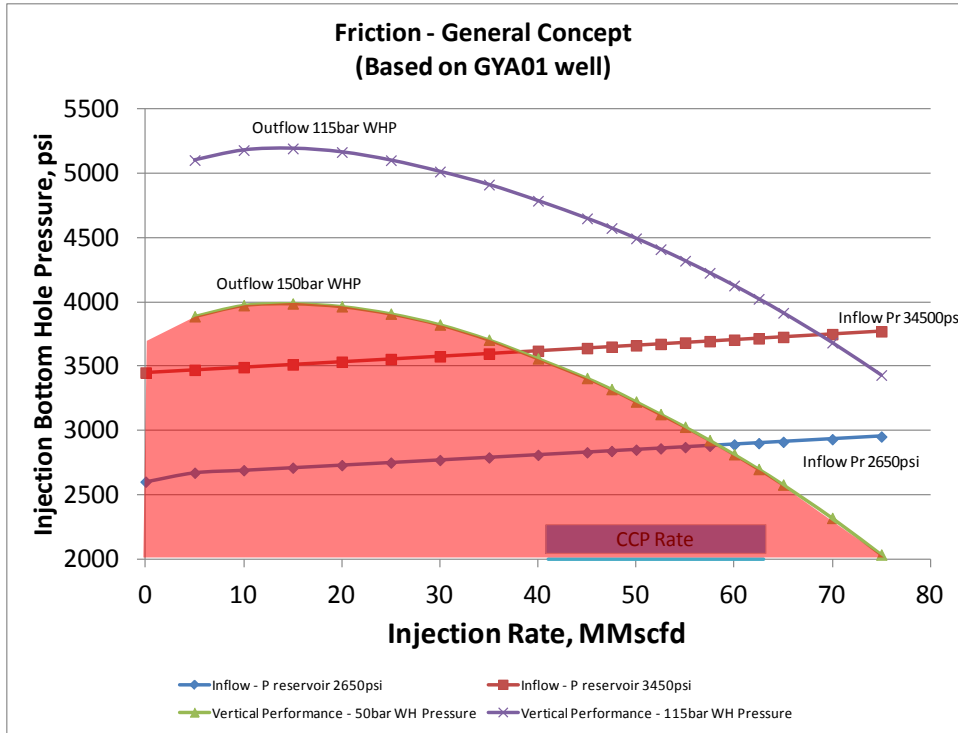


Figure 8-2: Steady state operating envelope

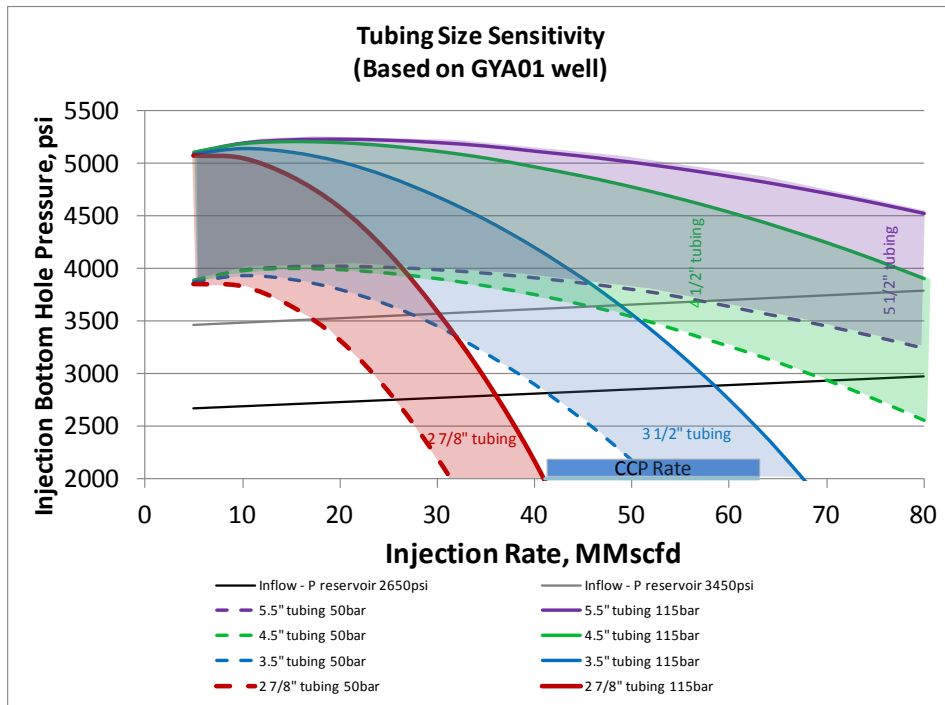


Figure 8-3: Operating envelope variation with tubing size

The 2 7/8" [73mm] tubing is considered very small and the 5 1/2" [140mm] tubing seems very big for the Peterhead CCP rates. The tubing size required for the CCP rates is a combination of 3 1/2" [89mm] and 4 1/2" [114mm] completion.



The operating envelope will be engineered / tailored well by well considering the project parameters (expected reservoir pressure, CCP rates, etc.).

### 8.2.2. Transient State Pressure and Temperature Conditions

During transient operations (close-in and start-up operations), a temperature drop is observed at the top of the well for a short period of time. The faster the shut-in or faster the well opening operation, the less the resultant temperature drop. The cooling effect diminishes deeper into the well due to limited CO<sub>2</sub> flashing and heat transfer from surrounding wellbore.

The reservoir pressure affects the temperature calculation during the transient calculations. The lower the reservoir pressure, the lower is the surface temperature expected during transient operations and hence the higher the stresses/impact in terms on well design.

The recommended procedure is to bring the well to the minimum rate (rate required to keep CO<sub>2</sub> in liquid phase at the wellhead, i.e. injection at 50bara WH Pressure) and then close the well at the wellhead in 30 minutes. For bringing on a well on CO<sub>2</sub> injection, the recommended procedure is also to do it quickly. It is recommended to attain the minimum rate in 1 hour. Temperature as low as -15°C can be reached inside the tubing in the top of the well during short periods of time. Due to heat capacity/storage, this low temperature in the CO<sub>2</sub> is not observed in the other well components (tubing, annulus fluid, etc.), which will see less severe temperature drops.

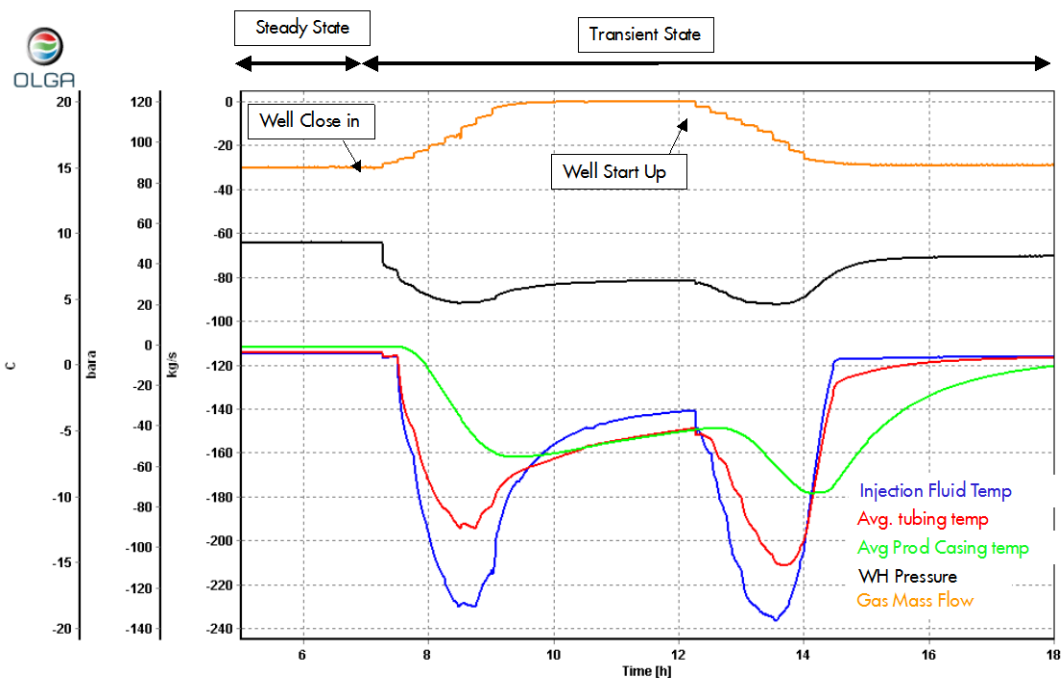


Figure 8-4: Design Case, Wellhead conditions - 4°C IWHT (2500psi reservoir pressure)

In summary, the expected transient conditions are as follows:

**Table 8-2: Results of transient calculations – design case (base oil in annulus)**

	Design Case	Operating case
Steady State CO <sub>2</sub> manifold T, °C	3 120.2	- -
Steady State manifold P, bara	2500	2500
Steady State Conditions		
WHP, bara	45	115
WH temperature, °C	1	4
BH temperature, °C	17	20
Transient conditions		
Close in operation, h	2	0.5
Start Up operation, h	2	1
Coldest temperature (wellhead)		
Fluid CO <sub>2</sub> , °C	-20	-17
Average tubing, °C	-15	-10
A annulus, °C	-11	-4
Production casing, °C	-10	-1

Strict operational procedures need to be implemented and adopted to avoid extreme cooling of the well components.

### 8.3. SSSV testing

Inflow testing is an HSE requirement. For hydrocarbon wells, the frequency is normally every 6 months but needs to be defined for CO<sub>2</sub> injector wells during the FEED phase. The valve is normally tested by initially closing the well at Christmas tree, then closing the SSSV and bleeding off the pressure to a given value. Then the WH pressure is monitored.

Bleeding off the WH pressure for SSSV testing should be done in a controlled manner. The report (UKCCS-KT-S7.18-Shell-005: Operations Support, 2011) highlights a methodology to test the SSSV.

The current view is that the WH pressure can be reduced quickly to 27 Bara and then it needs to be maintained at 27 Bara for approximately 24-hours to allow the boiling-off of the CO<sub>2</sub> in the tubing or the reduction of depth of the gas interface to the SSSV. There will be a continuous CO<sub>2</sub> mass rate coming out of the well. Once only gas is between the wellhead and the SSSV then the pressure can be bled off rapidly to 10 Bara.

In summary, the testing of the valve should be carried out very slowly allowing for the normal boiling of the CO<sub>2</sub> liquid into gas to minimize the lowest temperature which can be observed in the interface gas-liquid CO<sub>2</sub>.

It is proposed to achieve required blowdown for SSSV testing using a dedicated facility that will re-use the existing vent system. The blowdown will be performed under automatic control to minimise low temperatures and liquid produced from the well.



## 8.4. Loss of control in CO<sub>2</sub> wells

Under this scenario, a surface leak will expel cold CO<sub>2</sub> for example a small wellhead leak.

There is evidence in some CO<sub>2</sub> EOR projects during partial loss of control that ice forming at the leak point might reduce the consequences of the leak.

The influence of the low temperature on the well elements will be variable depending on the leak rate and the heat transfer from the surroundings of the well. This will be investigated during FEED.

There is a range of temperatures which may be considered as the lowest to be observed in the metal surface depending on how the leak is evaluated –

*Jet release of dense phase CO<sub>2</sub>*

*CO<sub>2</sub> expansion to 1 bara*

*CO<sub>2</sub> expansion to triple point*

The influence of a leak rate will be calculated during FEED in order to determine the temperature rating of the components and the tubing in the top of the well (down to the SSSV depth). Currently it is proposed that the new christmas tree and the tubing between the tree and the SSSV are rated to -60 °C. The other impact of the study would be that the validation that the wellhead system and casing hanger (rated to -18 °C) are suited to the conditions of a CO<sub>2</sub> leak.

The potential of a total well control incident is extremely low. The objective is clearly to prevent such an incident and much of the monitoring and corrective measures plans are aimed at identifying and remediating irregularities long before they can escalate to this point.

In the unlikely event of a total CO<sub>2</sub> well control incident, rapid cooling will occur due to the rapid expansion of CO<sub>2</sub>. Cooling can reach the point where solid dry ice particles form in the jet stream.

The initial adiabatic expansion is almost explosive, reaction time is minimal. Although the risk of fire in a CO<sub>2</sub> well control incident is negligible, it is replaced with the likelihood of extremely cold conditions caused by rapid CO<sub>2</sub> expansion. This can threaten the integrity of materials (brittle fracture) as well as threaten people directly by cold burns and frost bite. The extreme cold conditions also create danger from flying solids (ice and hydrates).

Emergency Response Plans will be developed during FEED for a total well control incident.

The influence of a leak rate and time will be calculated during early FEED in order to determine the extent of the lower temperature in the wellhead and Christmas tree system.

## 8.5. Workover Operation & Complexity

The workover required to change the wells from hydrocarbon production to CCS will involve the replacement of the existing upper completion with a tapered slim string. The workover will take place prior to commencing any CO<sub>2</sub> injection hence the workover shall be in a hydrocarbon environment. A workover of this nature is standard within the industry and does not involve any extra complexity compared to other workovers carried out in a similar environment. One of the challenges will be the availability of a suitable jack-up rig as the Goldeneye platform lies in a water depth of 400ft [122m].

The wells are currently suspended with two mechanical barriers per well. There are some known integrity issues with tree valves and safety valve control lines. These will have to be reviewed in detail in the FEED phase.





The workover will require retrieval of the upper completion. The current production packer is a Halliburton HHC packer which is a retrievable packer. In order to retrieve the packer it is necessary to make a wireline trip with a chemical cutter and cut the packer mandrel at a dedicated cut zone, space out of the chemical cutter is critical. This is a routine operation within the North Sea and there are numerous cases where similar packers have been successfully retrieved. There is experience around this within Shell UK. Once the packer is unset the entire upper completion may be retrieved. Other options may include retrieving the upper completion above the PBR or cutting the tubing above the packer and retrieving this prior to internally milling the packer cut zone.

During all these operations attention will have to be paid to the lower completion which is not planned to be replaced. The lower completion and impact of losing integrity in the lower completion is detailed in section 5. In addition the reservoir is depleted and all measures must be taken to avoid formation damage and skins. Measures to ensure this will be explored and may involve a mechanical or fluid barrier. One option may involve closing the existing FIV which will then act as a downhole barrier ensuring the lower completion is not exposed to any of the workover fluids or debris. This will require evaluation during the FEED phase.

Prior to running the new completion logging operations will be carried out. These shall involve CBL and casing calliper runs. This will help evaluate the top of cement, quality of cement bond and condition of the casing. It is essential to carry this out for correct packer placement and future abandonment.

The current proposal is to use 4½" [114mm] safety valves and S13Cr tubing to the safety valve depth.

Below the safety valve 13Cr tubing will be utilised and will include a cross over to 3½" [89mm]. The depth of the x-over shall vary from well to well thereby introducing flexibility to the injection rates and providing a larger overall operating envelope.

The new completion will include seals to sting into the existing lower completion PBR thereby providing a conduit to the lower completion. The smallest ID in the lower completion is 2.9494" [74.7mm] at the formation isolation valve.

The sealing of the upper completion into the lower completion will create a trapped volume between the two packers, there are some options that shall be evaluated and it may be necessary to include a pressure relief valve. This shall be covered in the FEED phase.

The current concept shall allow for standardisation across the wells with the only variable being the placement of the cross over.

There is some complexity introduced by the utilisation of permanent downhole monitoring. This as a minimum shall include pressure and temperature sensors with an option to include distributed temperature sensing and acoustic sensing across the entire length of the completion. The exact number of control lines required for this is still to be confirmed. This added complexity is understood and there is plenty of industry knowledge within the North Sea around these systems and their installation.

The operation shall follow Shell guidelines, industry standards and local regulations and procedures and shall include best practices and lessons learned from the relevant service providers.



## 8.6. Outline Programme

- Mobilise rig to location
- Kill Well / set downhole barriers
- Remove Christmas tree
- Rig up & test well control equipment.
- Recover downhole barriers
- Recover existing completion tubing
- Recover packer
- Clean scrape 9 5/8" [245mm] casing
- Carry out cement logging
- Run new completion tubing
- Set packer
- Test tubing, annulus and TRSSSV (Tubing Retrievable Sub Surface Safety Valve)
- Install and test Christmas tree.

## 8.7. Intervention Operations

Regular intervention operations will be carried out on Goldeneye platform to confirm well integrity, to collect bottom hole samples to monitor the progress of the CO<sub>2</sub> plume as it moves through the reservoir. Well intervention work was carried out on Goldeneye platform during 2012 when a number of suspension plugs were installed.

For electric logging and slickline intervention activities there is more than sufficient room on the weather deck to accommodate all the equipment required. For electric logging and wireline intervention activities a wireline mast is required. A 90ft [27.4m] mast cannot be utilized because the dimensions of the weather deck are too small to permit the required (15 m) distance from the base of the mast to the guy wire tie-down points. A 60ft [18.3m] mast can be utilized, though even then there is a requirement to provide an outboard tie down point for one of the guy wires. A temporary "gang plank" structure cantilevered from the top member of the main truss frame is to be provided as part of the topsides module. For a coiled tubing well stimulation/pumping type of intervention followed by well clean-up using production test facilities, it has been identified that it is impossible to accommodate all the equipment on the platform and that the use of a support vessel will be required.

For acid/chemical stimulation pumping activities followed by well back-flow and clean-up, it appears just possible to accommodate all the required equipment on the weather deck. However, a further check will need to be performed when the specific requirements and equipment for a particular job are known in order to ensure that physical hook-up of all the required interconnections is possible without unacceptably obstructing access for operation and maintenance of the equipment and without encroaching on the required personnel escape routes. In the event that such a check concludes there is insufficient room, then the pumping would need to be carried out from a support vessel in a similar way as identified for a coiled tubing job. The platform accommodation unit is designed for 12 personnel, but this can be increased to a maximum of 22 by the use of additional drop down beds in 5 of the 6 cabins. This provision should be adequate for all envisaged rig-free well intervention jobs, though it may require some multi-tasking capability. Intervention operations by their very nature usually require that operations be carried out on a 24-hour basis. This should be considered when planning future



intervention work along with additional power requirements, additional lighting, bleed down, and fluid handling facilities etc.

Once CO<sub>2</sub> injection commences the well will be considered to comprise of both CO<sub>2</sub> and hydrocarbon and hence the intervention equipment shall have to be qualified for operation in this environment. The presence of CO<sub>2</sub> exposes the surface rig up to the effects of JT cooling and explosive decompression of elastomers. It is therefore essential to ensure all components such as the lubricator, injector, stuffing box etc. are adequately designed and where necessary procedural changes are incorporated. This shall be explored further in the FEED phase.

### **8.7.1. Coiled Tubing**

Baker Hughes (formally BJ Services) were requested by Shell UK E&P to perform a detailed analysis into Coiled Tubing (CT) intervention operations on Goldeneye. The most challenging CT operation foreseen on Goldeneye was to clean up any debris or fill across the screens, which could severely impair injection rates. An operation of this type presents a number of challenges particularly during the early stages of CO<sub>2</sub> injection when the reservoir pressure is low, i.e. sub hydrostatic. The aim of the report is to determine that if the sand screens were to fill with debris for any reason, each well could be cleaned out using CT techniques. The report will analyse a number of scenarios including completion type, fill type, cleanout method and fluid selection.

- The modeling (CIRCA) has been carried out with no well production.
- Bottomhole pressure is assumed to be 2,000 psia [138Bar].
- Bottomhole Temperature = 181°F [82°C]
- For the purpose the study the well bore fluid input was modeled with gas and liquid CO<sub>2</sub> in the well bore.
- Liquid density = 8.59 PPG.
- Gas molecular weight = 44.01 g/mole.

Due to a possible restriction in the lower completion of 2.25" [57.2mm] ID the analysis has been limited to coiled tubing of 2" [50.8mm] OD which gives the maximum operational performance while still being able to pass the minimum restriction in the well. Tool strings will be limited to a maximum 2.125" [54mm] OD to ensure sufficient clearance past the potential restriction.

Concentric Coiled Tubing is utilized with BJ Services propriety Sand Vac™ tool to perform debris clean-outs. The tool works on jet pump technology by fluid being pumped down the inner work string, which passes through a nozzle in the tool that creates a pressure drop. This pressure drop creates a vacuum and has the ability to draw in debris from the well. The debris-laden fluid is transported up the concentric CT annulus to surface. A portion of the pumped power fluid is diverted out of the tool via swirl nozzles to fluidize the sand prior to being drawn into the concentric CT annulus. The main advantage to this technique is the clean-out can be performed with no nitrogen. When the desired amount of debris has been removed BJ Services propriety Well Vac™ tool is utilized. This tool does not divert any flow to the swirl nozzles, which creates a stronger vacuum at the tool for enhanced fluid recovery characteristics.

The results clearly show that for all the wells excluding GYA 02 a 100% successful cleanout can be engineered either through conventional coiled tubing techniques or through the use of concentric coiled tubing and BJ services Well Vac™ / Sand Vac™ tool. Well GYA 02 must be cleaned out using CCT to give a successful cleanout.



GYA-05 (proposed completion) presented a particular challenge for a conventional tubing cleanout as the 2 7/8" [73mm] portion of the completion adversely affected the clean-up process as it acted like a restriction. This is good for increasing particle velocity but is detrimental as it increases the friction in the system especially with energized fluid which means a cleanout can only be performed with reduced rates to minimize friction and lost returns. The reduced rates affect the operational time but if pumped correctly will still give a successful clean out. Concentric coiled tubing offers 100% cleanout safely within BJ services operating parameters.

The comparisons between the two techniques indicate the positives and possible negatives of each approach and recommendations for the best way forward on each well. The study shows that even in the most challenging well the sand screens can be cleaned out with precision and efficiency.

What must also be taken in to consideration is that the study only indicates that the wells can be cleaned out. There is no reference to the mode of operation, i.e. stand-alone CT operations or Rig assisted operations. The limitations of deck space, deck loadings, fluid return facilities, and crane limits (18 t) suggest that it is highly likely that rig assisted or some form of tender assist will be required for CT operations of this nature.

The choice of fluids for cleaning up across the screens is also a very important consideration. In some cases the clean out can be carried out with water or light base oil. As highlighted in previous documents water and CO<sub>2</sub> will form carbonic acid, which could potentially threaten the lifecycle of the well if corrosion of the 13Cr tubing or L80 Casing takes place.

### **8.7.2. Wireline**

The Goldeneye wells have relatively straightforward well paths, no severe doglegs, and with the possible exception of GYA-04 are not deviated to any great degree. This along with the intervention work carried out in 2012 gives a level of confidence that wireline operations can be successfully carried out in Goldeneye wells.

Wireline operation considerations -

- Fishing operations through a reverse taper tubing string (Small ID to large ID) adds complexity. Consideration should be given to running wirefinder trip subs in place of the tubing crossovers.
- There is limited area for setting plugs in the lower completion. Each well has only two 5.00" [127mm] 15# 13Cr pup joints (ID 4.408" [112mm] Drift 4.283" [109mm]) immediately above the FIV. Once the wells are recompleted with small ID tubing it will be difficult to set & recover items from this area.
- Wellcat load cases were carried out with a 4 1/2" 12.6 lb/ft [114mm 17Nm] tailpipe. However because of the collapse issue identified there may be a requirement to change the size, weight or grade of the tailpipe section.
- A 9 5/8" x 3 1/2" [244mm x 89mm] packer with 3 1/2" tailpipe may be more suitable for the proposed CO<sub>2</sub> injection wells. This will give greater flexibility with regard to setting plugs below the production packer during completion operations, or running tubing cutting equipment for final abandonment operations
- Standard 3 1/2" packers do not meet all load conditions, may require a design modification for the load conditions
- ID of the FIV in the lower completion is 2.94" [74.7mm].



- Qualification of equipment in CO<sub>2</sub> environment for post injection well intervention, prevention and mitigation against effects such as JT cooling and ED



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## 10. Appendices

### APPENDIX 1. Goldeneye Wells

The Goldeneye field consists of a normally unmanned platform with five gas production wells. Well DTI 14/29a-A4Z (GYA02S1) is the sidetrack of DTI 14/29a-A4 (GYA02). The wells are all very similar in design and were drilled with a jack-up rig during 2003/2004:

- 30" [762mm] Conductor driven to ~750' [229m] (by barge). Trepanned at seabed level.
- 20" x 13 3/8" [508 x 340mm] to ~4000' [1219m] (x/o @ ~700' [213m])
- 10 3/4" x 9 5/8" [273 x 245mm] production casing (x/o ~3100' [945m]) of L80 steel
- 7" [178mm] slotted liner with screens and gravel pack
- 7", 13Cr upper completion
- 9 5/8" production packer with perforated joint below
- PBR above the production packer
- Permanent Downhole gauge
- TRSSSV at around 2500' [762m]
- Christmas tree 6 3/8" [162mm] mono-bore, 5000 psia [345bar], Cameron
- Wellhead, Cameron SSMC compact design

All Goldeneye production wells are deviated wells with the following details:

**Table 10-1: Goldeneye wells directional data [1ft = 0.3048m]**

	<b>GYA-01</b>	<b>GYA-02s1</b>	<b>GYA-03</b>	<b>GYA-04</b>	<b>GYA-05</b>
Max. Inclination	30.4° @ 7574'	60.5° @ 10622'	40.1° @ 5983'	68.1° @ 6020'	7.2° @ 1785'
Total Depth	9166'	11464'	9507'	13262'	8535'



**Table 10-2: GYA01 (14/29a-A3) [1" = 25.4mm, 1ft = 0.3048m, 1psi=68.95mbar]**

Surface location	UTM	Lat/Lon	
	N 6,429,207.70 m E 477,554.30 m	58 deg. 00 min. 9.323 sec. N 00 deg. 22 min. 47.073 sec. W	
Formation pressures	Initial: 3800 psia (8265' TVSS) Current : 2150 psia Abandonment : 3800 psia	No MDT/RFT's taken on the production wells	
Total depth (8 1/2" OH)	9166' AHD (RKB)	Reservoir T = ~180°F (TD)	
Water depth	395'	Cameron SSMC wellhead	A: 460 inhib
Derrick Floor elevation	152.5'	Tree:Cameron 6 3/8" monobore 5k	B: 560 OBM
Maximum Inclination	30.4 degrees at 7574'	A-annulus 460 pptf inhib. seawater	C: Seawater
30" conductor	749.8' AHD (RKB)	1.5" WT - X52 – Merlin (Int Upset) 2" WT used for drive shoe	
20" x 13 3/8" casing	4155' AHD (RKB)	20": 202.7# - X80 – Merlin (top jt) 20": 202.7# - X65 – Merlin top/ SR20 bottom (2 <sup>nd</sup> joint) 20": 202.7# - X65 – SR20, all 1"WT 13 3/8": 68# - L80 – Dino VAM x/o at 704'	675 (EMW 630)
10 3/4" x 9 5/8" casing	9006' AHD (RKB)	10 3/4": 55.5# - L80 - VAM Top 9 5/8": 53.5# - L80 - VAM Top x/o at 3130'	N.A
7" Liner (pre-drilled)	9163' AHD (RKB)	29.0# -13CrL80 – NK3SB	
Cement Details			
30" cement job:	N/A	Driven (Heerema barge)	
20" x 13 3/8" cement job:			
Single	582 pptf, X-Lite	6 - 7 bpm. Stinger cementation	707 bbl
Final diff. pressure	200 psia		
Pressure test	2400 psia	Returns observed at seabed by ROV (after 680 bbl)	
10 3/4" x 9 5/8" cement job:			





Single	728 pptf, Class G	8.5 bpm, plugs bumped	
	TTOC 7506'	Centralisers: (Weatherford TR3)	113 bbl
Final diff. pressure	1460 psia	No losses	
Pressure test	4500 psia		

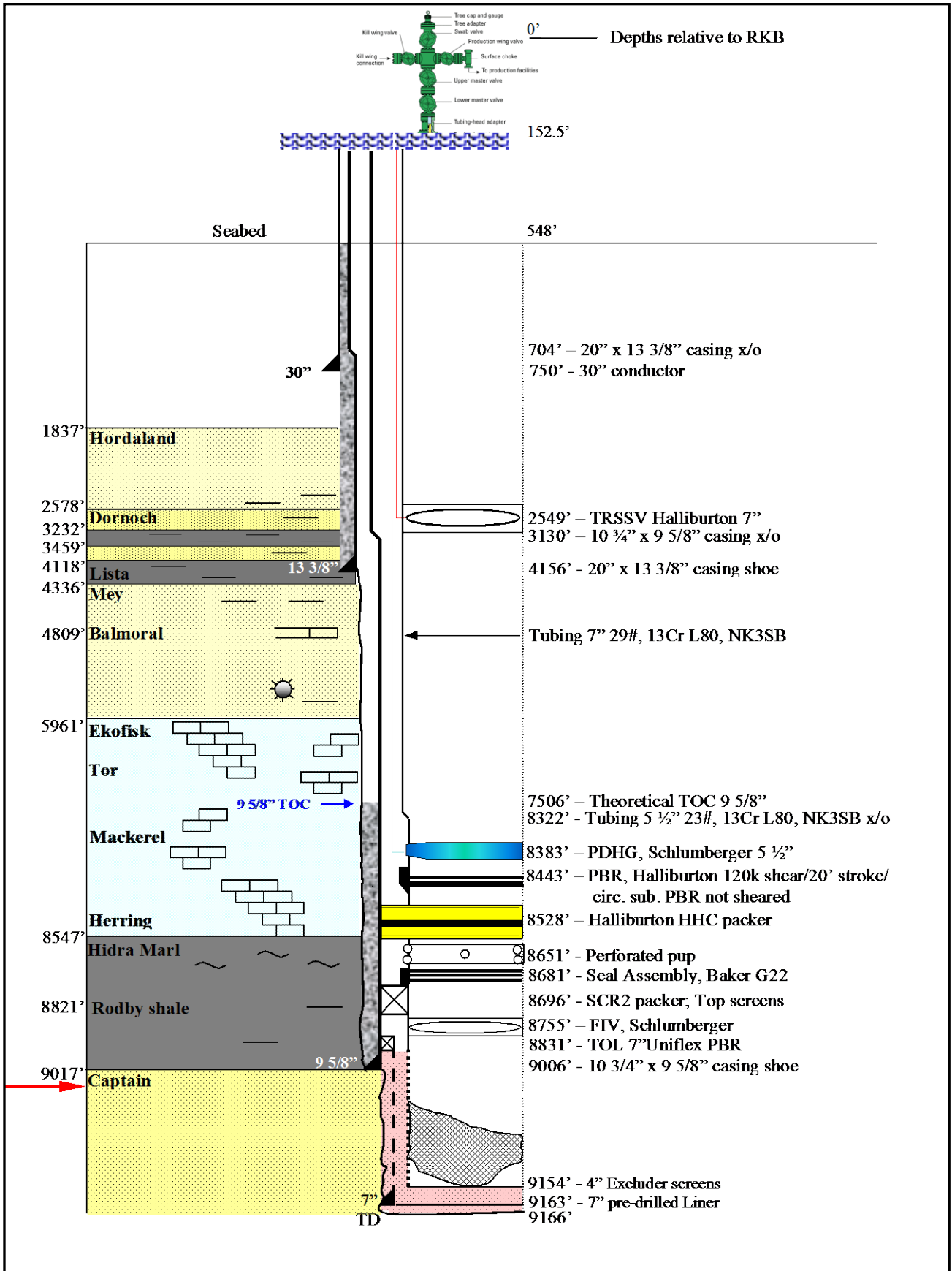


Figure 10-1: GYA01 (14/29a-A3)



**Table 10-3: GYA02s1 (14/29a-A4z)**

Surface location	UTM	Lat/Lon	
	N 6,429,207.60 m E 477,558.00 m	58 deg. 00 min. 9.321 sec. N 00 deg. 22 min. 46.848 sec. W	
Formation pressures	Initial: 3811 psia (8289' TVSS) Current: 2150 psia Abandonment: 3800 psia	No MDT/RFT taken	
Total depth (8 1/2" OH)	11464' AHD (RKB)	Reservoir T = ~182°F (TD)	
Water depth	395'	Cameron SSMC wellhead	A: 550 inhib
Derrick Floor elevation	152.5'	Tree:Cameron 6 3/8" monobore 5k	B: 610 OBM
Maximum Inclination	60.5 degrees at 10622'	A-annulus 460 pptf inhib. seawater	C: Seawater
30" conductor	749.8' AHD (RKB); 2 x 6" holes cut 10' above seabed	1.5" WT - X52 – Merlin (Int Upset) 2" WT used for drive shoe	
20" x 13 3/8" casing	4154.6' AHD (RKB)	20": 202.7# - X80 – Merlin (top jt) 20": 202.7# - X65 – Merlin top/ SR20 bottom (2 <sup>nd</sup> joint) 20": 202.7# - X65 – SR20, all 1"WT 13 3/8": 68# - L80 – Dino VAM x/o at 703'	679 (EMW 631)
10 3/4" x 9 5/8" casing	11268' AHD (RKB) window at 10990' for S/T	10 3/4": 55.5# - L80 - VAM Top 9 5/8": 53.5# - L80 - VAM Top x/o at 3155'	N.A
7" Liner (pre-drilled)	11462' AHD (RKB)	29.0# - 13 CrL80 – NK3SB	
Cement Details			
30" cement job:	N/A	Driven (Heerema barge)	
20" x 13 3/8" cement job:			
Single	582 pptf, X-Lite	7 bpm. Stinger cementation	775 bbl
No losses			
Final diff. pressure	230 psia	Returns observed at seabed by ROV (after 638 bbl)	



10 3/4" x 9 5/8" cement job:			
Single	728 pptf, Class G	13 bpm, plugs bumped	
	TTOC 9768'	10 Centralisers: Weatherford TR3	115 bbl
Final diff. pressure	1600 psia	No losses	
Pressure test	4500 psia		

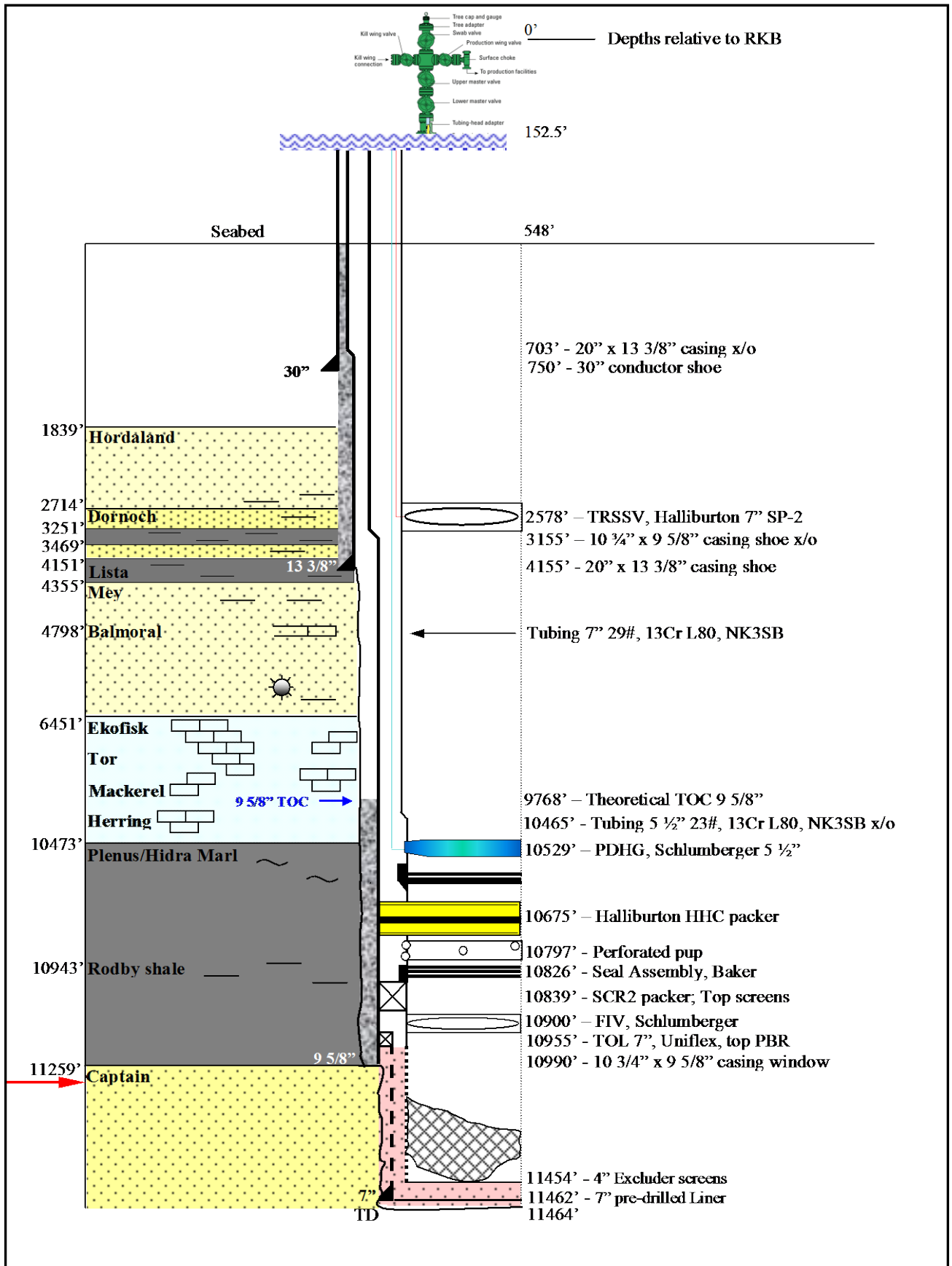


Figure 10-2: GYA02s1



**Table 10-4: GYA03 (14/29a-A5)**

Surface location	UTM	Lat/Lon	
	N 6,429,204.91 m E 477,554.30 m	58 deg. 00 min. 9.233 sec. N 00 deg. 22 min. 47.072 sec. W	
Formation pressures	Initial: ~3820 psia (8387' TVSS) Current: ~2150 psia Abandonment: ~3800 psia	No MDT <sup>®</sup> RFT taken	
Total depth (8 ½" OH)	9507' AHD (RKB)	Reservoir T = ~182°F (TD)	
Water depth	395'	Cameron SSMC wellhead	A: 550 inhib
Derrick Floor elevation	152.5'	Tree: Cameron 6 3/8" monobore 5k	B: 610 OBM
Maximum Inclination	40.1 degrees at 5983'	A-annulus 460 pptf inhib. seawater	C: Seawater
30" conductor	738' AHD (RKB); 2 x 6" holes cut 10' above seabed	1.5" WT - X52 – Merlin (Int Upset) 2" WT used for drive shoe	
20" x 13 3/8" casing	4143' AHD (RKB)	20": 202.7# - X80 – Merlin (top jt) 20": 202.7# - X65 – Merlin top/ SR20 bottom (2 <sup>nd</sup> joint) 20": 202.7# - X65 – SR20, all 1" WT 13 3/8": 68# - L80 – Dino VAM x/o at 703'	685 (EMW 630)
10 ¾" x 9 5/8" casing	9365' AHD (RKB)	10 ¾": 55.5# - L80 - VAM Top 9 5/8": 53.5# - L80 - VAM Top x/o at 3013'	N.A
7" Liner (pre-drilled)	9503' AHD (RKB)	29.0# - 13 CrL80 – NK3SB	
Cement Details			
30" cement job:	N/A	Driven (Heerema barge)	
20" x 13 3/8" cement job:			
Single	572 pptf, X-Lite	8 bpm. Stinger cementation	653 bbl
		6 bbl/hr losses before job	
Final diff. pressure	300 psia	Returns observed at seabed by ROV (after 627 bbl)	



10 3/4" x 9 5/8" cement job:			
Single	728 pptf, Class G	8 bpm, plugs bumped	
	TTOC 7865'	10 Centralisers: Weatherford TR3	115 bbl
Final diff. pressure	1320 psia	No losses	
Pressure test	4500 psia		

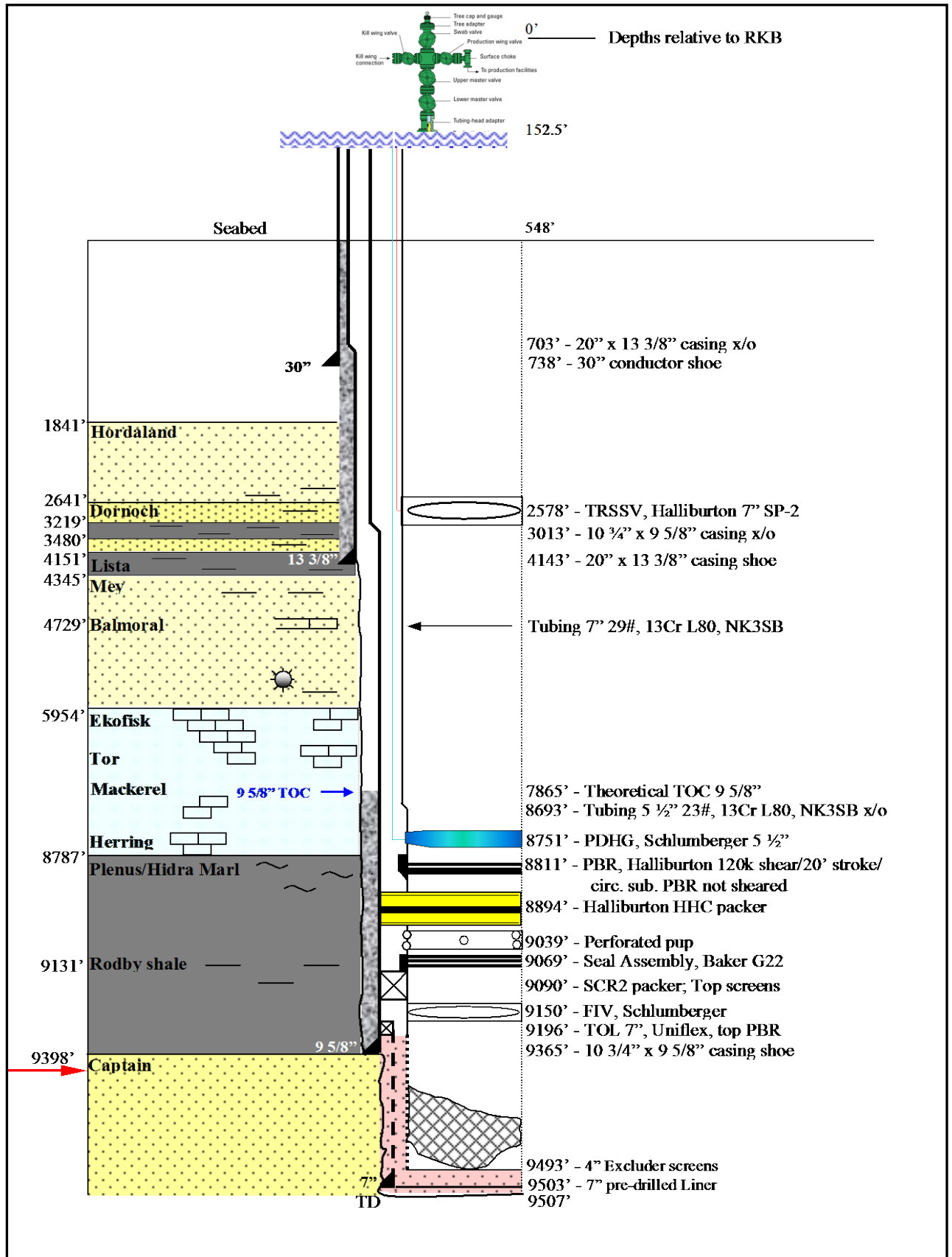


Figure 10-3: GYA03 (14/29a-A5)





**Table 10-5: GYA04 (14/29a-A1)**  
**Goldeneye Well GYA04 (14/29a-A1)**

Surface location	UTM	Lat/Lon	
	N 6,429,205.1 m E 477,558.4 m	58 deg. 00 min. 9.230 sec. N 00 deg. 22 min. 46.847 sec. W	
Formation pressures	Initial:~3820 psia (8348'TVSS) Current: ~2150 psia Abandonment: ~3800 psia	No MDT'RFT taken	
Total depth (8 1/2" OH)	13262' AHD (RKB)	Reservoir T = ~182°F (TD)	
Water depth	395'	Cameron SSMC wellhead	A: 550 inhib
Derrick Floor elevation	152.5'	Tree:Cameron 6 3/8" monobore 5k	B: 580 OBM
Maximum Inclination	68.1 degrees at 6020'	A-annulus 460 pptf inhib. seawater	C: Seawater
30" conductor	750' AHD (RKB); 2 x 6" holes cut 10' above seabed	1.5" WT - X52 – Merlin (Int Upset) 2" WT used for drive shoe	
20" x 13 3/8" casing	4224' AHD (RKB)	20": 202.7# - X80 – Merlin (top jt) 20": 202.7# - X65 – Merlin top/ SR20 bottom (2 <sup>nd</sup> joint) 20": 202.7# - X65 – SR20, all 1"WT 13 3/8": 68# - L80 – Dino VAM x/o at 705'	688 (EMW 633)
10 3/4" x 9 5/8" casing	13010' AHD (RKB)	10 3/4": 55.5# - L80 - VAM Top 9 5/8": 53.5# - L80 - VAM Top x/o at 2768'	N.A
7" Liner (pre-drilled)	13255' AHD (RKB)	29.0# - 13 CrL80 – NK3SB	
Cement Details			
30" cement job:	N/A	Driven (Heerema barge)	
20" x 13 3/8" cement job:			
Single	572 pptf, X-Lite	8 bpm. Stinger cementation	1450 bbl
Pressure test	2400 psia	44 Centralisers: (Econolisers)	
	Returns observed at	4225' – 4136': 1 per jt	



	seabed by ROV (after 1400 bbl)	4136' – 725': 1 per 2 jts
10 3/4" x 9 5/8" cement job:		
Single	728 pptf, Class G	6 bpm, plugs bumped
Final diff. pressure	1500 psia	24 bbl losses during cementation
Pressure test	4500 si	

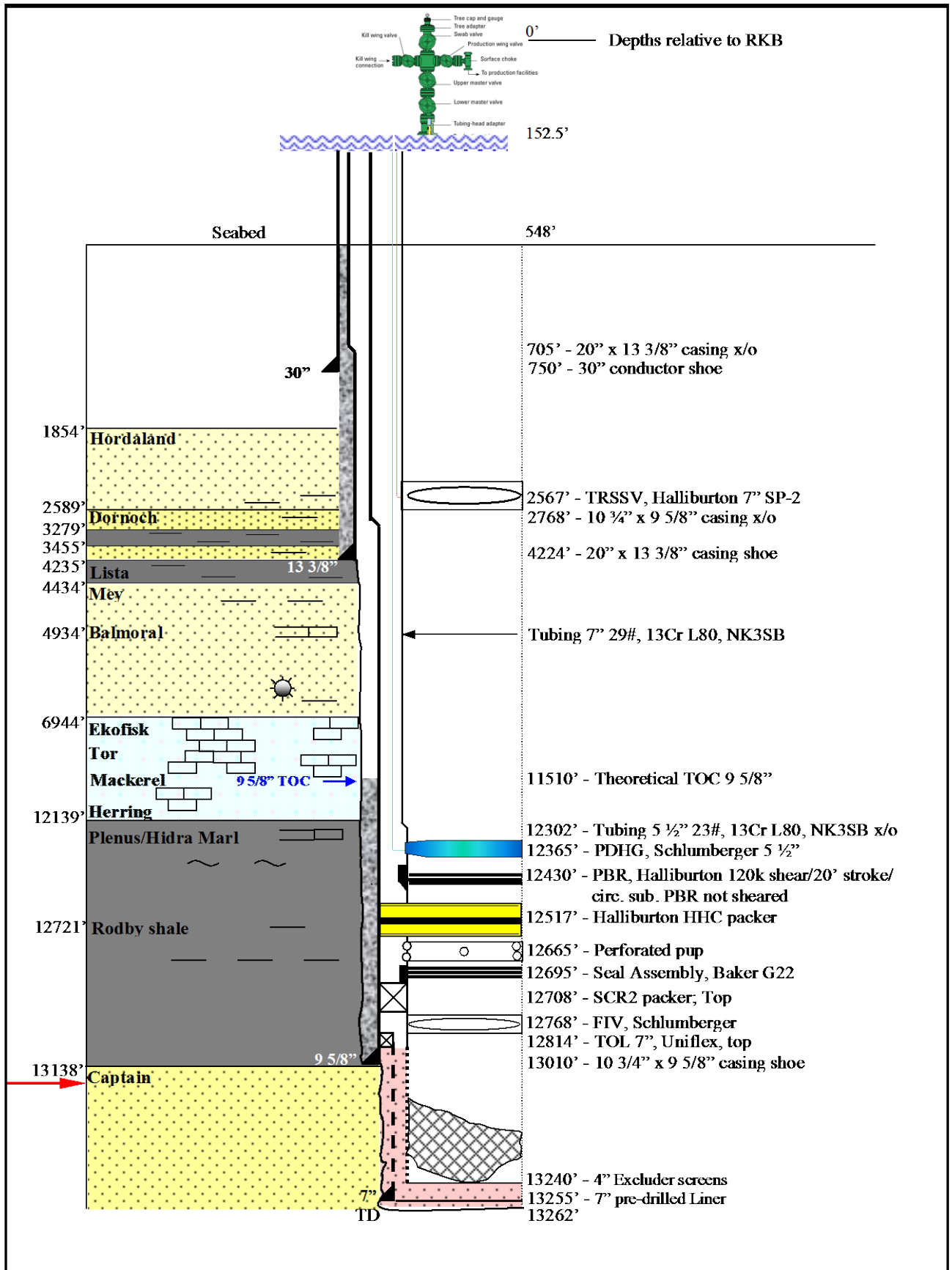


Figure 10-4: GYA04 (14/29a-A1)



**Table 10-6: GYA05 (14/29a-A2)**

Surface location	UTM	Lat/Lon	
	N 6,429,202.11 m E 477,554.30 m	58 deg. 00 min. 9.143 sec. N 00 deg. 22 min. 47.071 sec. W	
Formation pressures	Initial:~3820 psia (8257"TVSS) Current: ~2150 psia Abandonment: ~3800 psia	No MDT"RFT taken	
Total depth (8 1/2" OH)	8535' AHD (RKB)	Reservoir T = ~179°F (TD)	
Water depth	395'	Cameron SSMC wellhead	A: 550 inhib
Derrick Floor elevation	152.5'	Tree:Cameron 6 3/8" monobore 5k	B: 560 OBM
Maximum Inclination	7.21 degrees at 1785'	A-annulus 460 pptf inhib. seawater	C: Seawater
30" conductor	750' AHD (RKB); 2 x 6" holes cut 10' above seabed	1.5" WT - X52 – Merlin (Int Upset) 2" WT used for drive shoe	
20" x 13 3/8" casing	4107' AHD (RKB)	20": 202.7# - X80 – Merlin (top jt) 20": 202.7# - X65 – Merlin top/ SR20 bottom (2 <sup>nd</sup> joint) 20": 202.7# - X65 – SR20, all 1"WT 13 3/8": 68# - L80 – Dino VAM x/o at 704'	676 (EMW 630)
10 3/4" x 9 5/8" casing	8395' AHD (RKB)	10 3/4": 55.5# - L80 - VAM Top 9 5/8": 53.5# - L80 - VAM Top x/o at 3130'	N.A
7" Liner (pre-drilled)	8530' AHD (RKB)	29.0# - 13 CrL80 – NK3SB	
Cement Details			
30" cement job:	N/A	Driven (Heerema barge)	
20" x 13 3/8" cement job:			
Single	577 pptf, X-Lite	6-7 bpm. Stinger cementation	719 bbl
Pressure test	2400 psia	41 Centralisers: (Econolisers)	
	Returns observed at seabed by ROV (after	4107' – 3893': 1 per jt 3893' – 766': 1 per 2 jts	



520 bbl)		
10 3/4" x 9 5/8" cement job:		
Single	728 pptf, Class G	9 bpm, plugs bumped
Final diff. pressure	1200 psia	No losses during cementation
Pressure test	4500 psia	80 bbl 676 pptf spacer

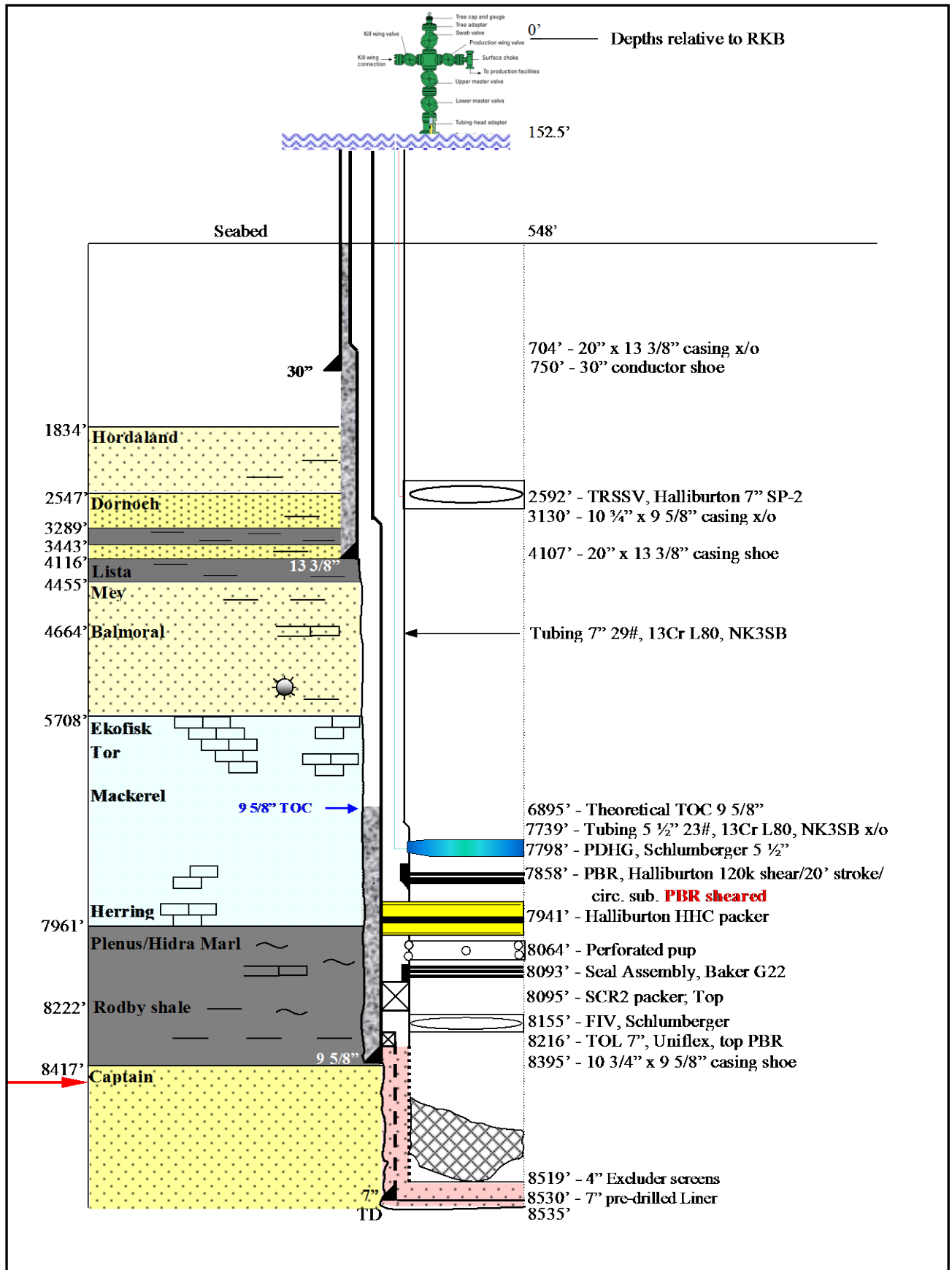


Figure 10-5: GYA05 (14/29a-A2)



## APPENDIX 2. WellCat Output Graphs

### A2.1. Goldeneye Conductor and Surface Casing Assumptions

- 1 Worst case corrosive wall loss has been assumed - 0.5mm/yr over a 25 yr period
- 2 A typical tidal range of 10ft [3m] from HAT to LAT assumed
- 3 A pipe with a reduced OD equivalent to 25mm (12.5mm wall loss) has been modelled over the 10ft tidal range

### A2.2. Results

- 1 Due to the heavy wall one inch thickness - ~25mm section of the 20" [508mm] surface casing, a 12.5mm wall loss due to corrosion leaves the pipe within limits during the high compression condition of the CO<sub>2</sub> injection.
- 2 A minimum axial compressive SF of 2.42 (abs) is seen at the base of the corroded section modelled.

Below are the WellCat outputs for the Goldeneye Platform

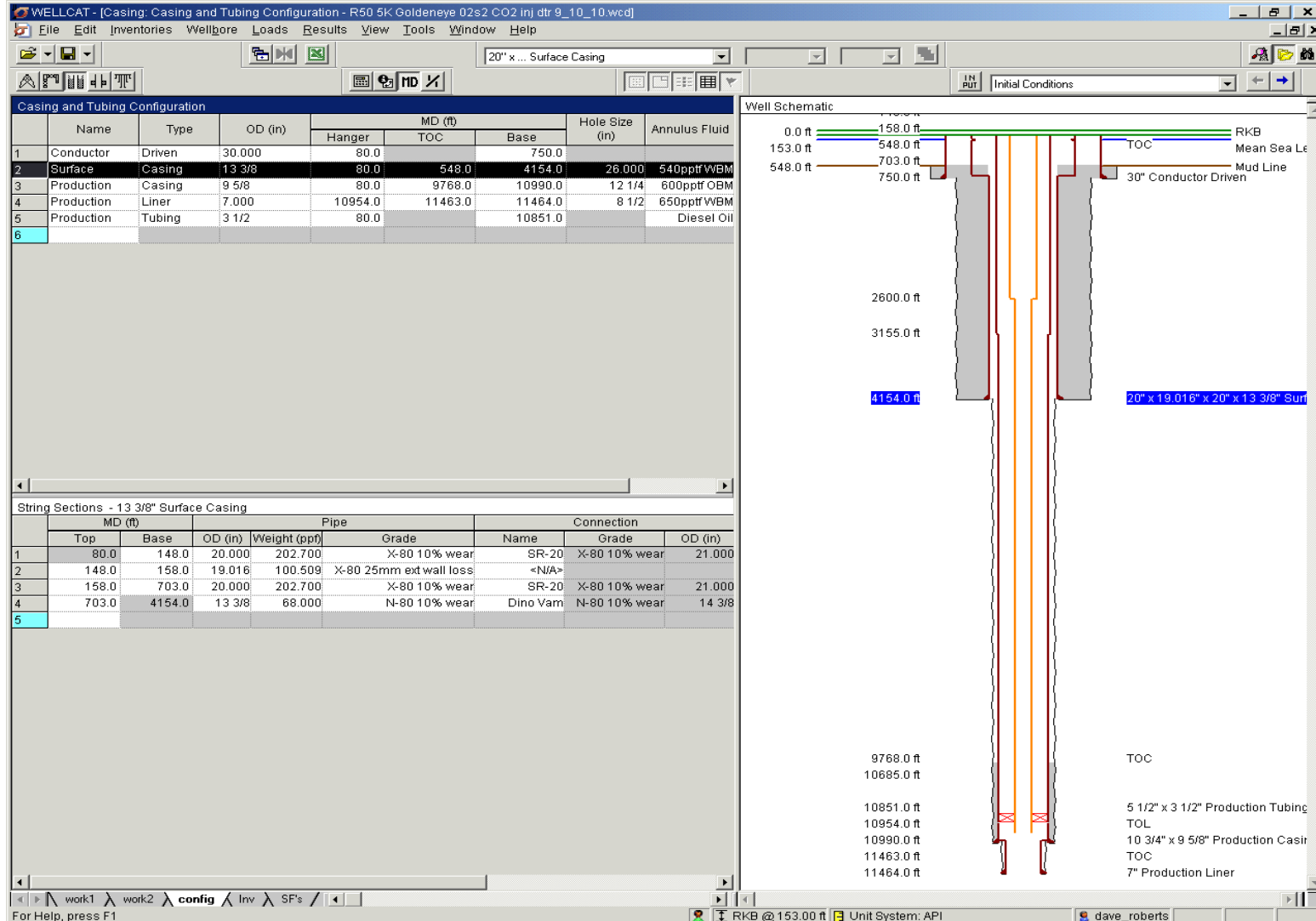


Figure 10-6: Goldeneye Casing and Tubing Configuration

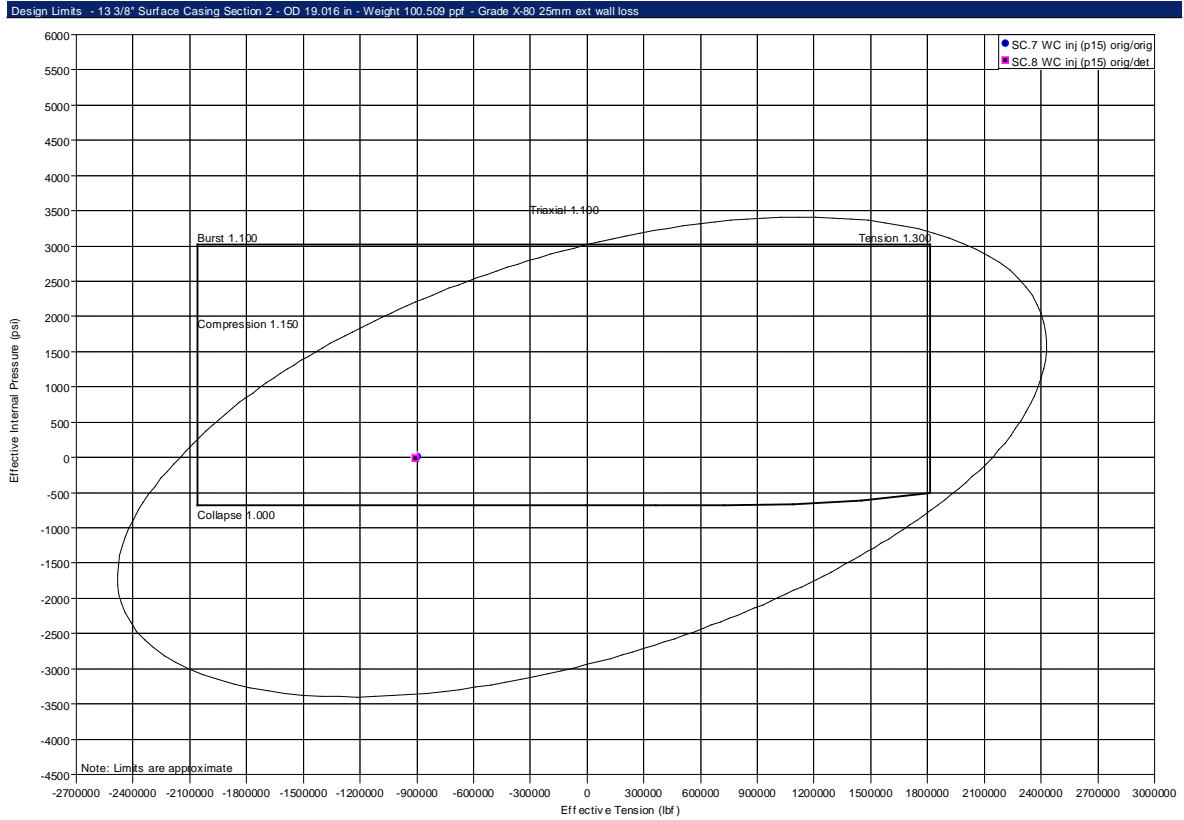




Load	Axial Load (lbf)				
	20" x 13 3/8" Surface Casing	delta	10 3/4" x 9 5/8" Production Casing	delta	7" Production Liner
Install Wellhead - 20in x 13 3/8" Surface Casing	-8819		NA		NA
Nipple-Up BOP - 20in x 13 3/8" Surface Casing	-41888	-33069	NA		NA
Primary Cementing - 10 3/4in x 9 5/8" Production Casing	-323275	-281387	281387		NA
Primary Cementing - 5 1/2in x 3 1/2" Production Tubing	-399909	-76634	267552	-13835	-38165
Nipple-down BOP - 5 1/2in x 3 1/2" Production Tubing	-367331	32578	267965	413	-38165
Nipple-Up Tree - 5 1/2in x 3 1/2" Production Tubing	-412940	-45609	267387	-578	-38165
p15 worst case inj (0.1C 115Bar 50Mscf) - 5 1/2in x 3 1/2" Production Tu	-621732	-208792	423668	156281	162503

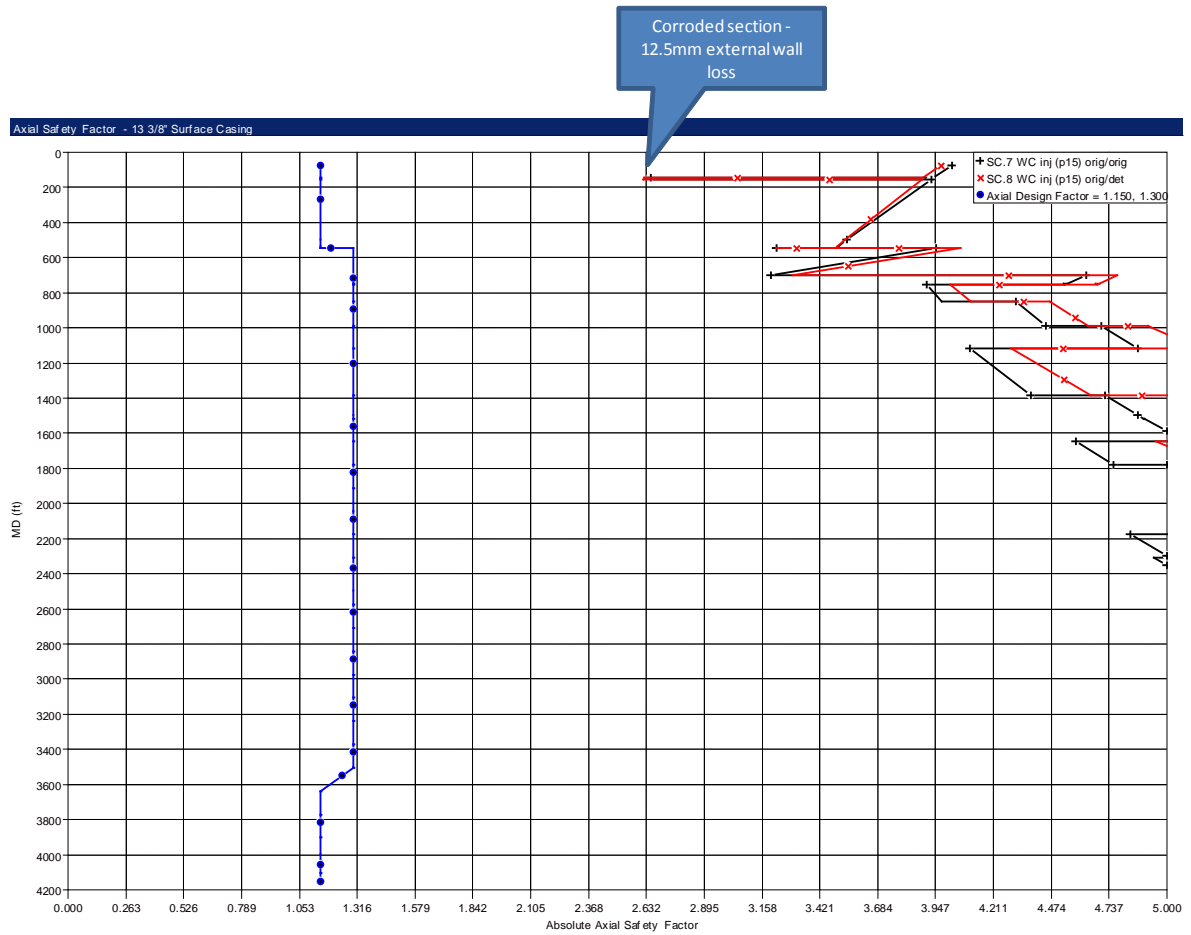
New surface load in production casing

Figure 10-7: Cumulative 20" Surface Casing Loads



DLP - Section 2 of surface casing with 0.5mm/yr wall loss assumed (25yrs)

Figure 10-8: 20" Section von Mises Plot with 12.5 mm Corrosion Loss



Axial SF's - Section 2 of surface casing with 0.5mm/yr wall loss assumed (25yrs)

Figure 10-9: 20" Safety Factor after 12.5 mm Corrosion



## APPENDIX 3. Casing Design for CO<sub>2</sub> Injection

### A3.1. Casing Design Assumptions

- 1 10 % drill through wear has been simulated on both the 20" x 13 3/8" [508mm x 340mm] surface casing and the 10 3/4" x 9 5/8" [273mm x 245mm] production casing. (10% is the standard default value to allow for casing affected by mechanical abrasion - drilling through casing).
- 2 A number of sensitivities have been carried out with respect to CO<sub>2</sub> injection rates with the design rate being 50 MMscf/day at 115 bara wellhead pressure with a wellhead inlet temperature of 0.1°C.
- 3 Full drilling thermal based on the original well build has been simulated to accurately assess the casing initial conditions
- 4 A fixed wellhead approach has been taken for the initial casing analysis and will be revised once a wellhead movement analysis has been performed
- 5 When performed the surface load analysis will include the substantial corrosion seen in the surface casing
- 6 A single section 3 1/2" [89mm] tubing string has been used in the design with base oil packer fluid
- 7 The predrilled liner for the gravel-pack has not been analysed

### A3.2. Results

The load cases are listed in A3.5 and in A3.6 with the corresponding safety factors. The loads are also shown graphically and listed in the graph 'legend box'.

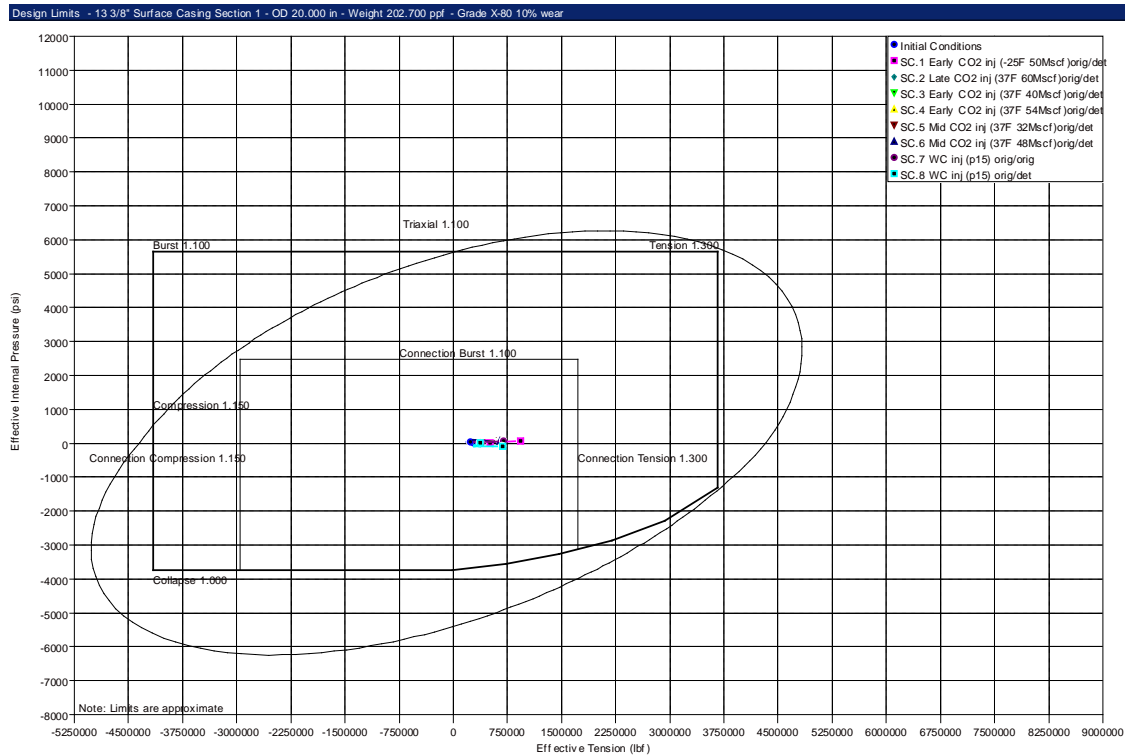
Surface casing loads give low safety factors in the early days of CO<sub>2</sub> injection into the well. Safety factor values are 2.4 SF for axial loads and 3.2 SF for triaxial loads.

For the production casing, the tubing leak near surface and the casing evacuation cases result in the smallest safety factors.

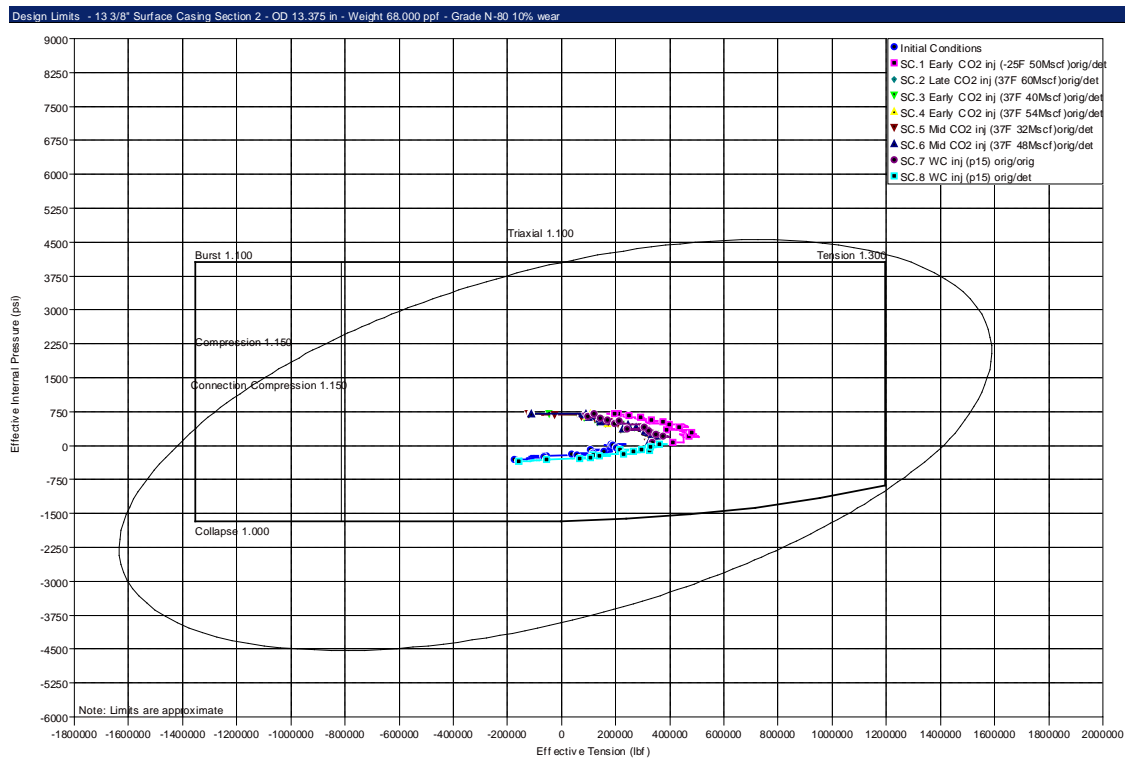
- 1 Both the surface casing and the production casing are within limits for the loads modelled with the minimum safety factors listed in the following tables
- 2 The driving load cases exist in Q1 & Q4 of the design limits plots indicating the tensile loading due to thermal contraction.

### A3.3. Surface Casing Loads

20" section - surface casing

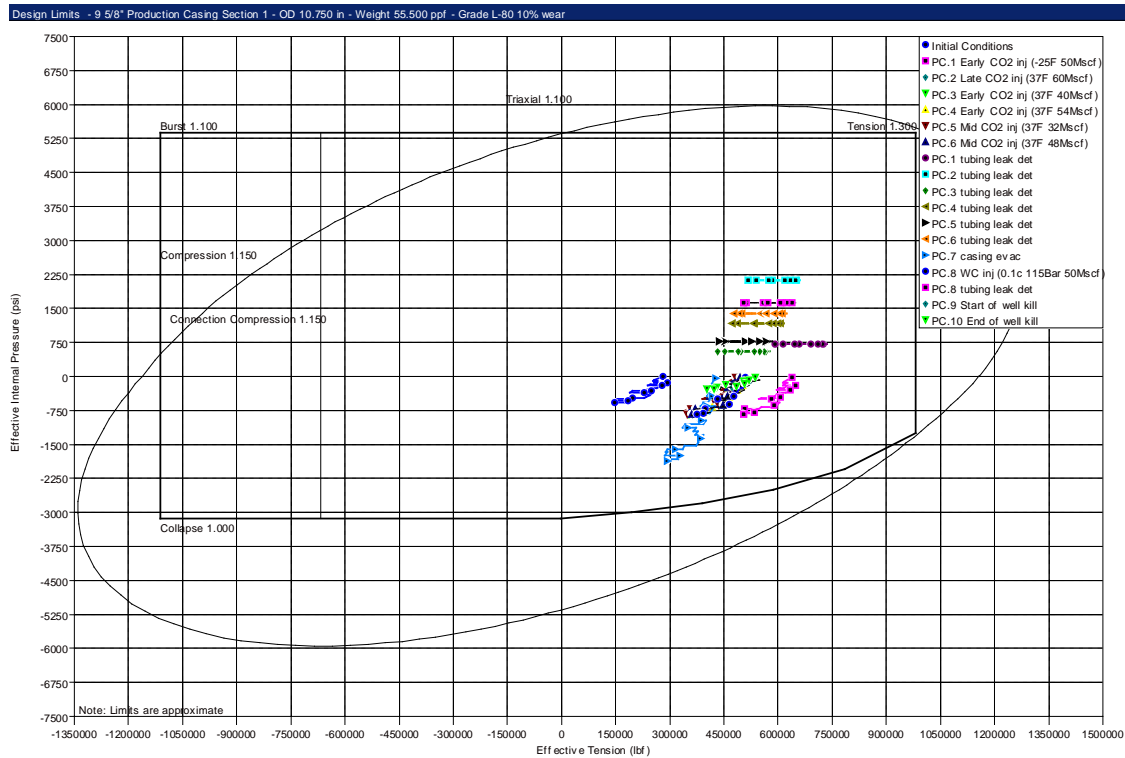


13 3/8" section - surface casing

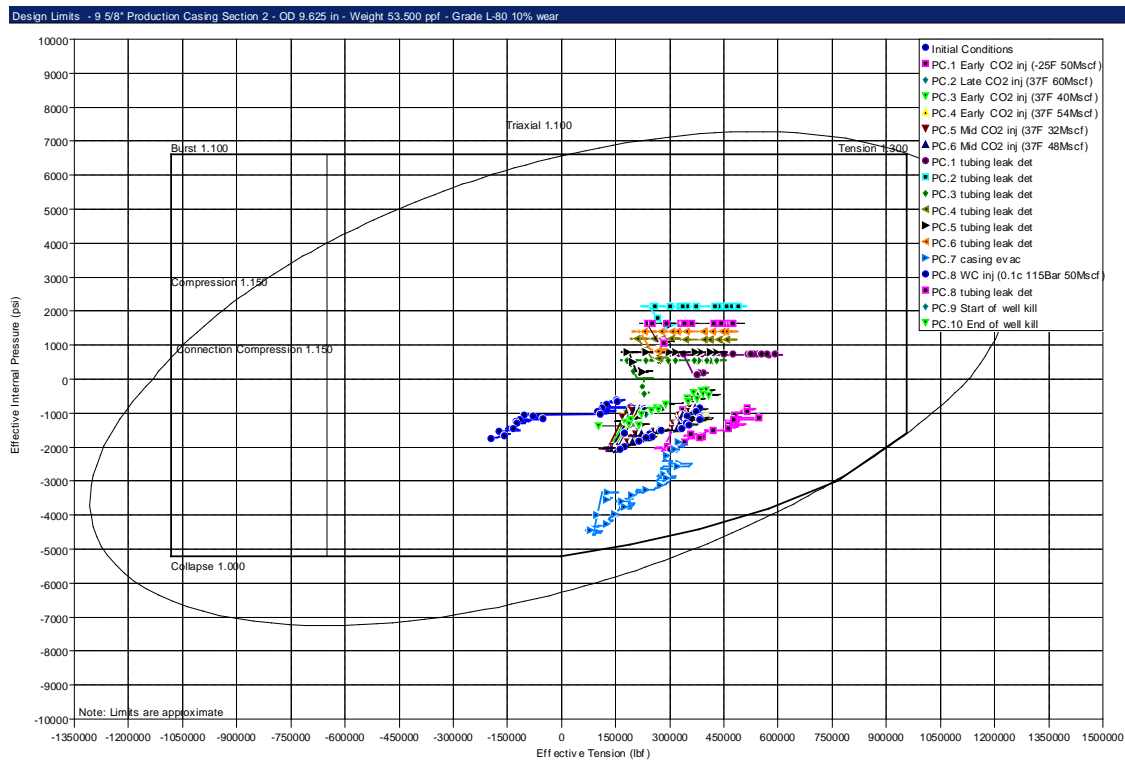


## A3.4. Production Casing Loads

### 10 3/4" section - production casing

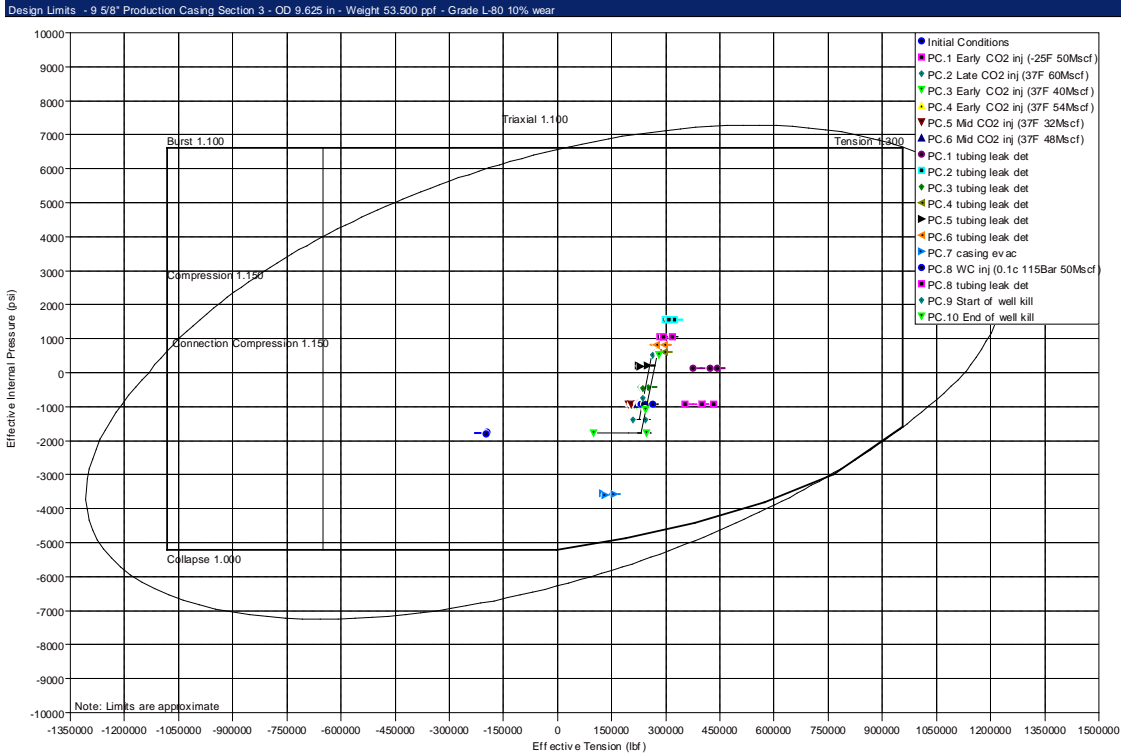


### 9 5/8" section - production casing (above packer)





9 5/8" section - production casing (below packer)



### A3.5. Minimum Safety Factors - Surface Casing

	TRIAXIAL SAFETY FACTOR	BURST SAFETY FACTOR	COLLAPSE SAFETY FACTOR	AXIAL SAFETY FACTOR
<b>Initial Conditions</b>	6.45 @ 754.6 ft	80.07 @ 539 ft	5.7 @ 4153.9 ft	5.47 @ 4153.9 ft (C)
<b>SC.1 Early CO<sub>2</sub> inj (-25F 50Mscf)orig/det</b>	3.19 @ 754.6 ft	6.35 @ 4153.9 ft	---	2.42 @ 702.9 ft (I)
<b>SC.2 Late CO<sub>2</sub> inj (37F 60Mscf)orig/det</b>	4.29 @ 754.6 ft	6.35 @ 4153.9 ft	---	3.42 @ 702.9 ft (I)
<b>SC.3 Early CO<sub>2</sub> inj (37F 40Mscf)orig/det</b>	4.31 @ 754.6 ft	6.35 @ 4153.9 ft	---	3.44 @ 702.9 ft (I)
<b>SC.4 Early CO<sub>2</sub> inj (37F 54Mscf)orig/det</b>	4.29 @ 754.6 ft	6.35 @ 4153.9 ft	---	3.42 @ 702.9 ft (I)
<b>SC.5 Mid CO<sub>2</sub> inj (37F 32Mscf)orig/det</b>	4.32 @ 754.6 ft	6.34 @ 4153.9 ft	---	3.45 @ 702.9 ft (I)



<b>SC.6 Mid CO<sub>2</sub> inj</b> (37F 48Mscf)orig/det	4.3 @ 754.6 ft	6.35 @ 4153.9 ft	---	3.42 @ 702.9 ft (I)
<b>SC.7 WC inj</b> (p15) orig/orig	4.09 @ 754.6 ft	6.35 @ 4153.9 ft	---	3.19 @ 702.9 ft (I)
<b>SC.8 WC inj</b> (p15) orig/det	3.97 @ 754.6 ft	---	4.93 @ 4153.9 ft	3.29 @ 702.9 ft (I)

	Triaxial	Burst	Collapse	Axial
<b>MINIMUM SAFETY FACTORS</b>	3.19	6.34	4.93	2.42

Notes: 1ft = 0.3048m

These are all CO<sub>2</sub> load cases - early, mid-term, and late injection cases.

WC above is "Worst Case" - actually CO<sub>2</sub> injection rates with the design rate being 50 MMscf/day at 115 bara wellhead pressure with a wellhead inlet temperature of 0.1°C. p15 refers to the thermal load case modelled in PROD.





### A3.6. Minimum Safety Factors - Production Casing

	TRIAxIAL SAFETY FACTOR	BURST SAFETY FACTOR	COLLAPSE SAFETY FACTOR	AXIAL SAFETY FACTOR
Initial Conditions	4.08 @ 754.6 ft	---	2.95 @ 10989.9 ft	3.29 @ 10891 ft (C)
PC.1 Early CO <sub>2</sub> inj (-25F 50Mscf)	1.83 @ 4256.9 ft	---	2.32 @ 9767.9 ft	1.96 @ 754.6 ft (T)
PC.2 Late CO <sub>2</sub> inj (37F 60Mscf)	2.3 @ 4256.9 ft	---	2.43 @ 9767.9 ft	2.51 @ 754.6 ft (T)
PC.3 Early CO <sub>2</sub> inj (37F 40Mscf)	2.34 @ 4256.9 ft	---	2.43 @ 9767.9 ft	2.56 @ 754.6 ft (T)
PC.4 Early CO <sub>2</sub> inj (37F 54Mscf)	2.3 @ 4256.9 ft	---	2.43 @ 9767.9 ft	2.51 @ 754.6 ft (T)
PC.5 Mid CO <sub>2</sub> inj (37F 32Mscf)	2.36 @ 4256.9 ft	---	2.43 @ 9767.9 ft	2.58 @ 754.6 ft (T)
PC.6 Mid CO <sub>2</sub> inj (37F 48Mscf)	2.32 @ 4256.9 ft	---	2.43 @ 9767.9 ft	2.53 @ 754.6 ft (T)
PC.1 tubing leak det	1.86 @ 754.6 ft	8.35 @ 80.1 ft	17.33 @ 10989.9 ft	<b>1.73 @ 754.6 ft (T)</b>
PC.2 tubing leak det	2.06 @ 754.6 ft	<b>2.77 @ 80.1 ft</b>	---	1.93 @ 754.6 ft (T)
PC.3 tubing leak det	2.36 @ 754.6 ft	10.9 @ 80.1 ft	11.98 @ 10989.9 ft	2.21 @ 754.6 ft (T)
PC.4 tubing leak det	2.3 @ 754.6 ft	5.06 @ 80.1 ft	---	2.07 @ 754.6 ft (T)
PC.5 tubing leak det	2.39 @ 754.6 ft	7.65 @ 80.1 ft	24.13 @ 10989.9 ft	2.19 @ 754.6 ft (T)
PC.6 tubing leak det	2.27 @ 754.6 ft	4.26 @ 80.1 ft	---	2.05 @ 754.6 ft (T)
PC.7 casing evac	<b>1.42 @ 9767.9 ft</b>	---	<b>1.12 @ 9767.9 ft</b>	2.91 @ 754.6 ft (T)
PC.8 WC inj (0.1c 115Bar 50Mscf)	2.26 @ 4256.9 ft	---	2.42 @ 9767.9 ft	2.46 @ 754.6 ft (T)
PC.8 tubing leak det	2.17 @ 754.6 ft	3.63 @ 80.1 ft	---	1.97 @ 754.6 ft (T)
PC.9 Start of well kill	2.27 @ 754.6 ft	13.89 @ 10989.9 ft	3.69 @ 10934 ft	2.32 @ 754.6 ft (T)
PC.10 End of well kill	2.28 @ 754.6 ft	13.92 @ 10989.9 ft	2.84 @ 10934 ft	2.34 @ 754.6 ft (T)
<b>MINIMUM</b>	<b>1.42</b>	<b>2.77</b>	<b>1.12</b>	<b>1.73</b>



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### A3.7. Production Temperature Predictions

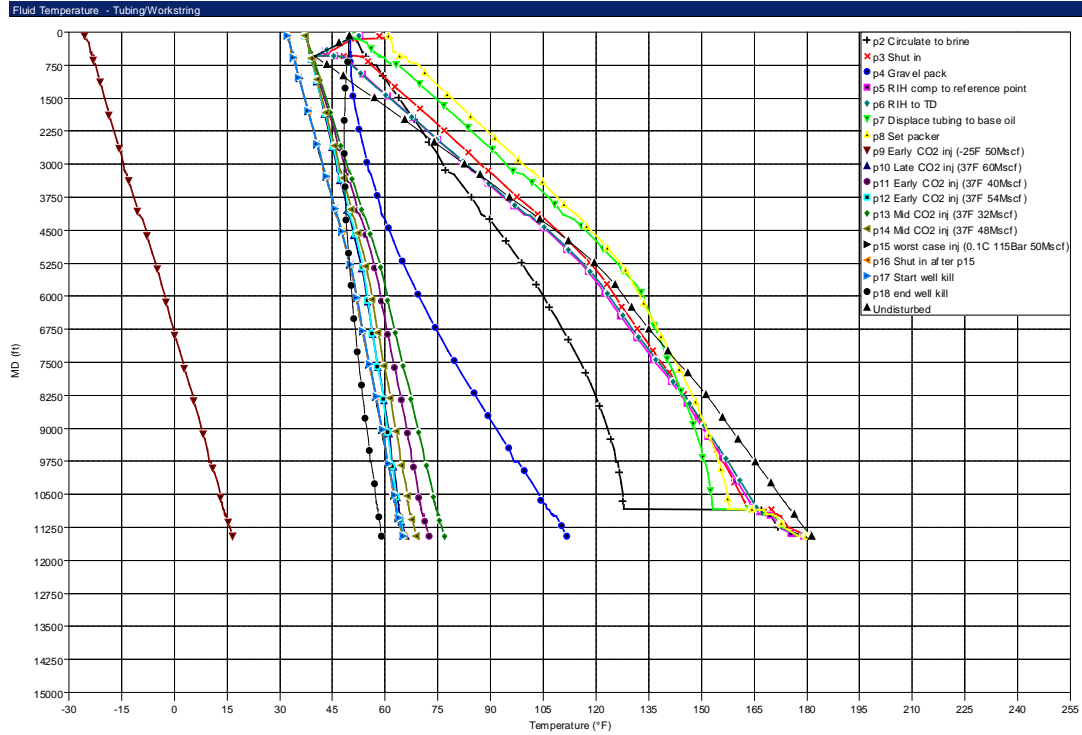


Figure 10-10: Goldeneye Tubing – Fluid Pressures

## A3.8. CO<sub>2</sub> Injection Pressures

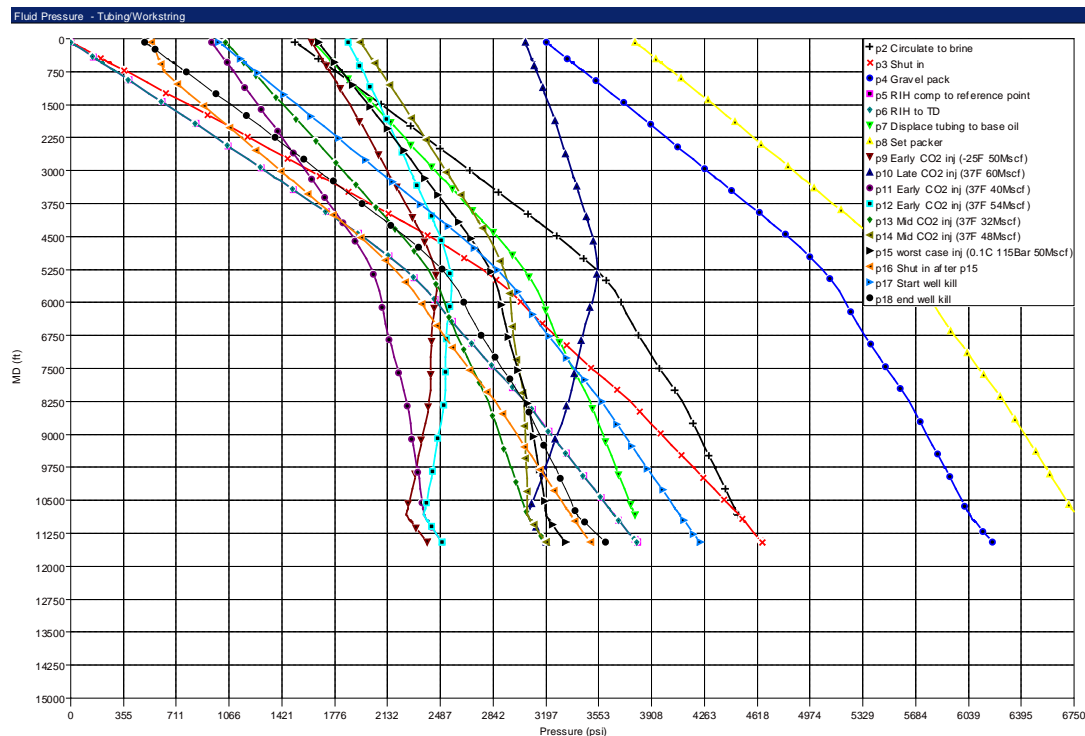


Figure 10-11: Goldeneye Tubing – Fluid Pressures

## APPENDIX 4. SACROC Conclusions

" The Portland cement recovered from a 55-year old well with 30 years of CO<sub>2</sub> exposure showed evidence of exposure to CO<sub>2</sub> in the form of carbonate precipitate adjacent to the casing and heavily carbonated, orange-coloured cement adjacent to the shale cap rock. However, the structural integrity of the recovered cement core, petrographic observations, air permeameter data, and cement bond log indicate that the cement retained its capacity to prevent significant transport of fluid through the cement matrix. Observations and numerical calculations suggest that the CO<sub>2</sub> producing the orange CO<sub>2</sub> alteration originated by movement from the reservoir along the shale-cement interface. The CO<sub>2</sub> producing a carbonate precipitate at the casing-cement interface may have originated by migration along the casing interface from the reservoir or from the interior of the well at casing joints or regions of casing corrosion.

Numerical modelling shows that carbonation induced by diffusion of CO<sub>2</sub> - saturated brine reproduces key features of the SACROC cement core. We used observations of the core to constrain the porosity, tortuosity, and reaction rates used in the modelling to values appropriate to well 49-6 at SACROC.

Additional samples would be necessary to construct a more generally applicable model of CO<sub>2</sub> - induced cement degradation. The observations demonstrate that Portland cement can retain its integrity at least over decades in a CO<sub>2</sub> reservoir with conditions similar to SACROC. Numerical calculations are consistent with a slow rate of degradation by diffusive attack of CO<sub>2</sub> that would allow a thick column of cement to survive for long periods of time. However, the observations also show that CO<sub>2</sub> migrated along the casing-cement and shale-cement interfaces for some period of time. We were unable to quantify the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> migration that may have



occurred along these interfaces. The integrity of these interfaces appears to be the most critical issue in wellbore performance for CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration.

The cement core recovered at SACROC provides some help in understanding the experimental variability in studies of cement carbonation at reservoir conditions. The laboratory experiments of Duguid et al. (2005) investigated cement deterioration under conditions of flowing CO<sub>2</sub> - saturated brine and they observed rapid degradation and loss of structural integrity within weeks of exposure. The SACROC sample clearly did not experience a similar flux of acidic brine. This indicates that for properly completed wells, the cement– cap rock interface does not experience flowing CO<sub>2</sub> - saturated brine and the rapid cement decomposition observed by Duguid et al. (2005) is unlikely to occur. In contrast, the experiments of Barlet-Goué'dard et al. (2006) and Kutchko et al. (2006b) were conducted with a static volume of brine subject to high CO<sub>2</sub> pressure. Barlet-Goué'dard et al.'s experiments were conducted at 90°C and 28 MPa, and they observed rapid penetration of CO<sub>2</sub> and complete carbonation within 6 weeks. Their porosity and mechanical strength studies showed that the cement appears to retain significant hydrologic integrity but had clearly been substantially altered. Kutchko et al.'s experiments were conducted at 50°C and 30 MPa and showed very limited (slow) penetration of CO<sub>2</sub> after 9 days (and after 3 months as presented in Kutchko et al., 2006a). The SACROC cement samples (exposed to CO<sub>2</sub> at 54°C and 18 MPa) showed rates of carbonation more compatible with the experiments of Kutchko et al., which may reflect the more similar temperatures of CO<sub>2</sub> exposure. However, it is also possible that the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> exposure for the SACROC samples at 3 m above the reservoir contact was more limited. The time and conditions for cement curing times prior to CO<sub>2</sub> exposure is another important variable: SACROC at 35 years (54°C) compared to Kutchko et al. at 28 days (22 and 50°C) and Barlet-Goué'dard et al. at 2 days (90°C). In any case, both the Barlet-Goué'dard et al. and Kutchko et al. studies are consistent with cement retaining hydrologic integrity in a CO<sub>2</sub> -rich environment, although the results of Barlet-Goué'dard et al. indicate that CO<sub>2</sub> - induced cement degradation in higher temperature reservoirs may be of greater concern. The SACROC core in combination with the available experimental data allows some preliminary conclusions regarding wellbore integrity and CO<sub>2</sub> storage. These studies indicate that Portland cement based wellbore systems, if properly completed, can prevent significant migration of CO<sub>2</sub> from reservoirs for long periods of time (at least decades). A properly completed well need not be completely free of defects, but should not have continuous openings along either the cement-casing or cement–caprock interfaces that might permit a CO<sub>2</sub> – brine mixture to flow that could dissolve cement and further widen the interface. The key variables appear to be the initial width and connectivity of the interfaces in addition to the pressure gradient driving flow from the reservoir. Future work to develop and strengthen these conclusions should include collecting additional core to understand whether the observations at well 49-6 are unique or typical at SACROC and to explore the significance of differing caprock and reservoir chemistries as well as differing operational histories. These studies could improve on our work by obtaining fluid samples to better constrain the geochemistry and collecting samples at multiple intervals to determine the maximum extent of carbonation. In addition, more experimental studies are needed to help interpret the field observations. These should focus on the evolution of cement-casing and cement–caprock interfaces as a function of initial interface width/quality and the CO<sub>2</sub> - brine flux. Observations at SACROC suggest that under limited flux the interfaces may be self-sealing. Determining the conditions under which these interfaces become more transmissive with time remains a key unknown in evaluating the longevity of the Portland cement seal in wellbore systems".





## APPENDIX 5. Cement Testing

### A5.1. General

From their literature, oil industry cementing companies claim their research and development has resulted in improved cement performance in CO<sub>2</sub> wells. Qualifying these cements for use in CO<sub>2</sub> wells would confirm or otherwise the cementing companies claims.

### A5.2. Background

Several laboratory studies have been carried out to investigate the effects of a CO<sub>2</sub> plume on cement. Many of these have been carried out in the USA. The drivers for these studies are:

- (American) Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974
- American legislation requires that wells within a certain distance of a CO<sub>2</sub> injection site be checked for existing wells and their condition - distance varies with State.

In general, existing wells in the US are subdivided into three categories:

- wells that are not plugged
- wells plugged before 1952 and
- those plugged after 1952 (when the American Petroleum Institute (API) standardized plugging procedure and cement composition).

The first two categories do not apply to Goldeneye and would be clearly unsatisfactory situation in any event. Fortunately, when the North Sea started up, initially it adopted API standards later improving and augmenting or replacing the standards.

The result of American legislation and their greater availability of fields on land, for CO<sub>2</sub> injection flood and for CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration, has driven research. Eight classes of cement are listed in API Specification for Oilwell Cement i.e. Class A to H - the depth of well determines the difference. At one time B class cement was used in the North Sea together with class G cement. For most North Sea wells class G has been used. Research now includes all cement types.

Since about 2005, there has been more research into CO<sub>2</sub> and effects on cement, driven by sequestration. At the same time, oilfield cementing suppliers started to research and to devise CO<sub>2</sub> resistant cements. These they have released and used them on CO<sub>2</sub> projects around the World.

### A5.3. Goldeneye Platform Conditions

The distance CO<sub>2</sub> has to be pumped by undersea pipeline depresses the injection temperatures compared to the American studies and is especially true for the Goldeneye application - distance from pipeline to shore is 105 km of subsea pipeline. Hence, injection temperature is expected to be in the order of zero to 5°C.

In consequence testing of existing cement types will need to be carried out corresponding to Goldeneye temperatures and pressures. Generally, CO<sub>2</sub> testing includes salinity testing. CO<sub>2</sub> delivery is expected to be more or less free of water, hence this requirement may be relaxed.

### A5.4. Cement Testing Outline

To kick off testing, initially a statement of requirements will be required. From there a full time lab technician can put a procedure together in a couple of weeks.

Very generally, the testing outline would be as follows:



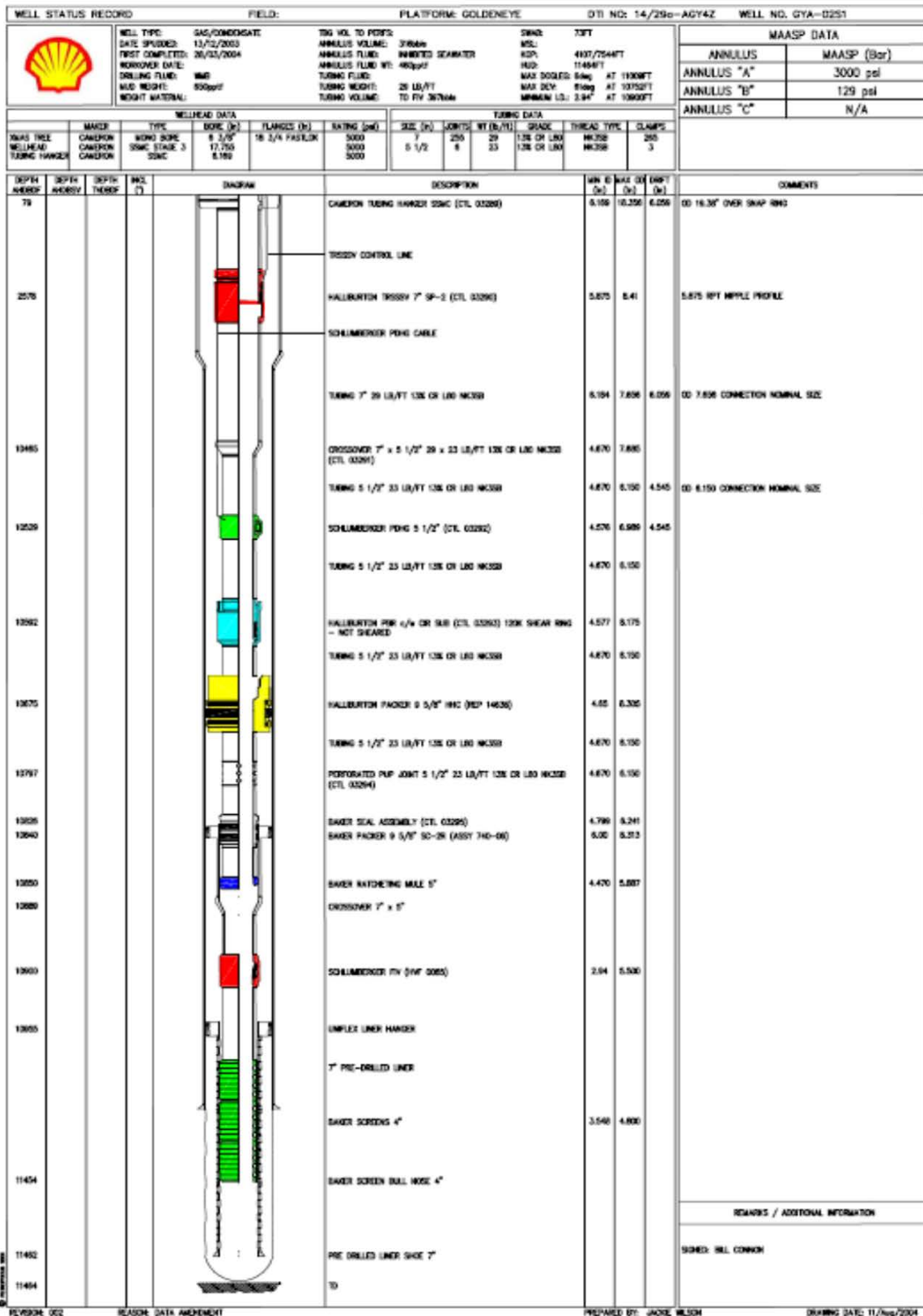
- set up a ring bowl at reservoir temperature  $\sim 83^{\circ}\text{C}$  and cure many cemented test pipes at temperature
- keep samples pressurised to reservoir pressure  $\sim 2,900$  psia [200bar] with  $\text{CO}_2$ .
- then into cooler or temperature control to simulate downhole  $\text{CO}_2$  injection conditions
- triaxial test and cut up samples at intervals - say every three months to see changes over time

For  $\text{CO}_2$  resistant cements such as the high alumina and phosphate types, we know they do not react with  $\text{CO}_2$ . Hence testing will confirm this lack of reaction but concentrate on the physical model.



# APPENDIX 6. Original & Conceptual Completion Schematics

## A6.1. Original Completion Diagram







**A6.2. Dual Completion Concept**

Item Nos	Depth To Top	Length (Feet)	Nos Joints	Description of Item Including Part Nos & Serial Nos Where Applicable	OD (Inches)	ID (Inches)
				Dual Tubing Hanger		
				Adjustable Union / Swivel		
				SCTRSSSV 2 7/8" 6.4# 13cr		2.313"
				SCTRSSSV 3 1/2" 9.2# 13cr		2.813"
				Tubing 3 1/2" 9.2# 13cr & 2 7/8" 6.4# 13cr		2.992"
				Tubing 2 7/8 6.4# 13cr		2.441"
				Y-Tool		
				DTS		
				Tubing below the Y tool 4 1/2"		
				PDGM		
				PDGM		
				HHC Packer		
				Baker SC-2R packer and G22 Seal Assy		
				TBC: Halliburton or Petrowell Retrievable Packer c/w 2 7/8" 6.4" Flush Joint tailpipe, SSD and plug profile		
				Retrievable packer Petrowell / Halliburton		2.60"
				Schlumberger FIV		2.94"
				Halliburton SSD		2.313"
				Petrowell ceramic barrier tool		



**A6.3. Concentric completion Concept**

Item Nos	Depth To Top	Length (Feet)	Nos Joints	Description of Item	OD	ID
				Including Part Nos & Serial Nos Where Applicable	(Inches)	(Inches)
				Modified Xmas tree spool		
				Original xmas Tree		
				Slim hole TRSSSV		
				ASV System		
				Tubing 3 1/2" 9.2# 13cr		2.992"
				Tubing 2 7/8" 6.4# 13cr		2.441"
				Original PDGM		
				HHC Packer		
				Baker SC-2R packer and G22 Seal Assy		
				TBC: Halliburton or Petrowell Retrievable Packer c/w 2 7/8" 6.4" Flush Joint tailpipe, SSD and plug profile		2.60"
				Schlumberger FIV		2.94"
				Halliburton SSD		2.313"
				Petrowell ceramic barrier tool		



**A6.4. Insert String Concept**

Item Nos	Depth To Top	Length (Feet)	Nos Joints	Description of Item	OD (Inches)	ID (Inches)
				Including Part Nos & Serial Nos Where Applicable		
				7.00" Tubing Hanger		
				7.00" 29# 13cr L-80 Tubing		
				SCTRSSSV 7.00"		5.875"
				Insert String Hanger		
				Tubing 3 1/2" 9.2# 13cr or 2 7/8" 6.4# 13cr		
				Insert sting hanger & PBR Assy		2.60"
				SSD		2.813"
				HHC Packer		
				Baker SC-2R packer and G22 Seal Assy		



**A6.5. Small Bore Completion Concept**

Item Nos	Depth To Top	Length (Feet)	Nos Joints	Description of Item Including Part Nos & Serial Nos Where Applicable	OD (Inches)	ID (Inches)
				SCTR555V 2 7/8" 6.4# 13cr		2.313"
				SCTR555V 3 1/2" 9.2# 13cr		2.813"
				Tubing 3 1/2" 9.2# 13cr & 2 7/8" 6.4# 13cr		
				DTS		
				PDGM		
				PDGM		
				HHC Packer		
				Baker SC-2R packer and G22 Seal Assy		
				TBC: Halliburton or Petrowell Retrievable Packer c/w 2 7/8" 6.4" Flush Joint tailpipe, SSD and plug profile		
				Retrievable packer Petrowell / Halliburton		2.60"
				Schlumberger FIV		2.94"
				Halliburton SSD		2.313"
				Petrowell ceramic barrier tool		



**A6.6. Downhole Choke Concept**

Item Nos	Depth To Top	Length (Feet)	Nos Joints	Description of Item	OD	ID
				Including Part Nos & Serial Nos Where Applicable	(Inches)	(Inches)
				7.00" Tubing Hanger		
				7.00" 29# 13cr L-80 Tubing		
				SCTRSSSV 7.00"		
				Downhole choke assembly		6/64"
				Original PDGM		
				PBR		
				HHC Packer		
				Baker SC-2R packer and G22 Seal Assy		



## 11. Glossary of terms

<b>Term</b>	<b>Definition</b>
"	Inches
°C	Degrees Celcius
°F	Degrees Fahrenheit
13Cr	13 percent chrome content metallurgy
'A' annulus	Annulus between the production tubing and production casing string
AHD	Along Hole Depth
ALARP	As Low As Reasonably Practicable, and is a term often used in the environment of safety-critical and high-integrity systems. The ALARP principle is that the residual risk shall be as low as reasonably practicable
Annuli	The space between adjacent strings of tubing or casing
'B' annulus	Annulus between the production casing and intermediate casing string
bara	Unit of pressure equal to 100,000 Pascals
Barrier	Barriers prevent of mitigate the probability of each threat or prevent, limit the extent of, or provide immediate recovery from the Consequences
Base oil	Oil with carcinogenic elements removed
BH	Bottom Hole
BHA	Bottom Hole Assembly
BHP	Bottom Hole Pressure
BHP&T	Bottom Hole Pressure and Temperature
Cap rock	The shale layers above a reservoir that provide geological isolation to upward migration and provide the primary seal
CAPEX	Capital Expenditure
CBL	Cement Bond Logging
CCS	Carbon Capture & Storage
Cement squeeze	Injection of cement to isolate a leak in the cement behind casing
CITHP	Closed In Tubing Head Pressure
CL	Control Line.
CO <sub>2</sub>	Carbon Dioxide
Completion	The conduit for production or injection between the surface facilities and the reservoir. The upper completion comprises the tubing and



packer, etc. The reservoir completion is the screens, etc., across the reservoir interval.

CoP	Cessation of Production
CTU	Coil Tubing Unit
DAS	Distributed Acoustic Sensing
DECC	Department of Energy and Climate Change
DEP	Shell Standards
DIANA	Software package from TNO that solves, with the aid of FEM, problems relating to design and assessment activities in concrete, steel, soil, rock and soil-structure.
DTS	Distributed Temperature Sensing
ED	Explosive Decompression
EMW	Equivalent mud weight
EOR	Enhanced Oil Recovery
ESD	Emergency Shut Down
FEED	Front End Engineering Design
FEM	Finite Element Modelling
FIT	Formation integrity test
FIV	Formation Isolation Valve
ft	Feet
FWV	Flow Wing Valve
H <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	Carbonic acid
Hazard	The potential to cause harm, including ill health and injury, damage to property, products or the environment; production losses or increased liabilities. In this report: buoyant CO <sub>2</sub>
HAZID	Hazard Identification Study
HAZOP	Hazard and Operability Study
HNBR	Hydrogenated Nitrile Butadiene Rubber
HSE	Health, Safety and Environment
IBHT	Injection Bottom hole Temperature
ICV	Inflow Control Valve
ID	Inside Diameter
Injection phase	The injection phase includes the period of site preparation for injection, the injection period itself and the period of well abandonment
JT	Joules Thomson



km	Kilometers (1000 meters)
kN	Kilonewtons (1000 Newtons)
Leakage	Migrated CO <sub>2</sub> out of the containment that leaks into the biosphere (shallow subsurface and atmosphere). In contrast to seepage, leakage involves medium fluxes and medium concentrations
Leakage scenario	Group of threats that form cause-consequence relations leading to a certain route of migration and eventually leakage into the biosphere
LMGV	Lower Master Gate Valve
LOT	Leak-off Test
m	Meters
mbar	millibar
Mcf	Thousand cubic feet at reservoir conditions
MD	Measured depth
Migration	Escaped CO <sub>2</sub> out of the containment into the subsurface where it moves or trapped in other layers
mm	millimeters (1/1000 <sup>th</sup> of a meter)
MMscfd	Million standard cubic feet per day
MMV	Measurement, Monitoring and Verification
MOC	Management of Change
MPS	Multi-Point Pressure Sensor
MSL	Mean Sea Level
N	Newton, SI unit of force.
NUI	Normally Unattended Installation
OBM	Oil based mud
OD	Outside Diameter
OLGA	Modeling software
Open shoe	An annulus that is open to a formation
OPEX	Operational Expenditure
Packer	A device that both anchors and seals the tubing to the production casing. The term production packer is still used even when the well is in injection mode
PBR	Polished Bore Receptacle
PDG	Permanent downhole gauge
PDG	Pressure Gauge





PDGM	Permanent Downhole Gauge Mandrel
PEC	Pulsed Eddy Current
pH	measure of the acidity or basicity of an aqueous solution
POOH	Pull Out of Hole
PPB	Parts per billion
ppmV	Parts per million by Volume
Production casing	The casing providing the secondary wellbore barrier during production or injection (valid term even in injection mode)
PSIA	Pounds per Square Inch
psia	Pounds Per Square Inch
PVT	Pressure, Volume, Temperature
Relief well	A well constructed specifically to intersect the wellbore or reservoir of a blowing out well
SAS	Stand Alone Screens
SCSSSV	Surface Controlled Sub Surface Safety Valve
Seepage	Migrated CO <sub>2</sub> out of the containment that seeps into the biosphere (shallow subsurface and atmosphere). In contrast to leakage, seepage involves low fluxes and low concentrations
SSSV	Subsurface Safety Valve
TD	Total Depth
TDS	Totally Dissolved Solids
TNO	Netherlands organization for applied scientific research
TOC	Top of Cement
Top Event	Incident that occurs when a hazard is realized, or the release of the hazard. The Top Event is typically some type of loss of control or release of energy. If this event can be prevented there can be no effect or consequence from the hazard
TRSSSV	Tubing Retrievable Sub Surface safety Valve
TVD	Total Vertical Depth
UCS	Unconfined Compressive Strength
UGS	Underground Gas Storage
UKCS	United Kingdom Continental Shelf
UMGV	Upper Master Gate Valve
Under ream	To mill out a section of casing / cement by the use of an expandable milling bit
USIT	Ultrasonic Imaging Tool



VDL	Variable Density Log
VSP	Vertical Seismic Profile
WBM	Water Based Mud
WEG	Wireline Re-entry guide
WH	Wellhead
WHP	Wellhead Pressure
WITS	Well Integrity Tests
WTS	Wirefinder Trip Sub
XM	Christmas Tree
XMtree	Christmas Tree
XO	Cross Over
UMV	Upper Master Valve

Full Well Name	Abbreviated Well Name
DTI 14/29a-A3	GYA01
DTI 14/29a-A4Z	GYA02S1 (Sidetrack)
DTI 14/29a-A4	GYA02
DTI 14/29a-A5	GYA03
DTI 14/29a-A1	GYA04
DTI 14/29a-A2	GYA05

## 12. Glossary of Unit Conversions

For the provision of the SI metric conversion factor as applicable to all imperial units in the Key Knowledge Deliverable.

Table 12-1: Unit Conversion Table

Function	Unit - Imperial to SI Metric conversion Factor
<b>Length</b>	1 Foot = 0.3048m Metres 1 Inch = 2.54cm Centimetres 1 Inch = 25.4mm millimetres
<b>Pressure</b>	1 Psia = 0.0690 Bara
<b>Temperature</b>	1°F Fahrenheit = -17.22°C Centigrade
<b>Weight</b>	1lb Pound = 0.45kg Kilogram