GETTING UK EXPLORATION BACK ON TRACK

Geoscience and courage

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Agenda and Thesis

- 1. Is there a systemic issue with UK exploration?
 - Small discoveries and low commercial success rates
 - Primarily a geological problem due to a combination of maturing of the geological plays and poor exploration decision-making
- 2. What could we do?
 - Investment in integrated basin-wide, geological play and prospect evaluation
 - Peer review all wells
 - Generate the investment case for new plays
- 3. Onshore and unconventionals
 - Landowners perspective
 - Ineos/Peel/Igas
 - Government courage to let exploration take place



UK Exploration - Observations

- Investment levels have held up
- UK is attracting its share of exploration investment
- But
 - Very high finding costs
 - Small discoveries
- Conclusion
 - Lack of discoveries is primarily a geological issue
- But.....
- Continual pleas from the authorities to drill more exploration wells
 - No! We've drilled too many wells
 - We've drilled bad wells





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New plays – invest to generate the investment case



- There are a number of frontier basins around the UK that are not being explored
- Each has elements of a successful petroleum system (e.g. source rock)
- To explore these plays requires
 - 1. Structured play fairway analysis to prepare understand the resource potential and scale (prospect size) in these frontier basins
 - 2. Actively promote the new story to the industry (i.e. market the UK)
 - 3. Link the geoscience work to a programme of licencing rounds working round the frontier basins of the UKCS
 - 4. In parallel sponsor data acquisition from a major contractor perhaps link the purchase of the data to the participating in the round



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Existing plays – Invest in geoscience to improve understanding of exploration prospectivity

for better prospect volume and risk prediction

- No single company has the access to data, or resources to undertake the basin scale geoscience studies needed to better understand the petroleum systems in the UKCS and improve exploration performance
- Without improved understanding
 - Exploration performance will decline further dry wells will drive away investment
 - The UK does not have a good understanding of the remaining resource potential of the basin – and thus cannot actively manage our resource base

Consider this Norwegian example that makes the point.....



What is the government doing?

- Set up the Oil and Gas Authority
- Sponsored the 21st Century Road Map study
- Engaged BGS to undertake a study of the Palaeozoic
- Hired Christian Matthieu to undertake a well failure analysis of the Central North Sea and Moray Firth.



14th Onshore Licence Round



- Not JUST shale and CBM
- Competitive bids submitted 28 Oct 2014
- PEDL 5 yr 1st Term
 - relinquishment at term end
 - Subject to Retention or Development areas
- 2nd term is appraisal & development – 5 yrs
- 3rd term is production 20+ yrs



Size of the Prize

- BGS 1329 tcf Bowland Shale GIIP
- Assume 10% recovery 133 tcf
- 3tcf pa UK current demand
- That's 44 years supply or....
- 88 years at 50% or 133 yrs at 33%

The bigger picture

•For every therm imported, HMRC derives 0 direct tax revenue

•For every therm of imported gas displaced by UK Shale, HMRC derives ~ 60% marginal tax

For Bowland Shale alone, & using high level assumptions, HMRC may derive +/- £100bn
Jobs: IOD suggest ~ 74,000







Licence Block – Gas Resource



Flood Risk Zones



Urban Areas



SLR

Ecology and Cultural Heritage





Constrained Area Summary



3. What's in it for the landowner?

Upside	Downside
Rent	Disruption
Production related payments	Environmental impact
Community benefit	Temporary land sterilisation
Public Relations	Access/traffic
	Public Relations



The shale gas lifecycle



Connecting the market





5. Peel Case Study

- Peel is major landowner in NW England overlaying attractive shale gas geology in Bowland Shale
- Has agreement with IGas and owns the land where 3 of the 5 exploratory wells were drilled at Ince, Barton Moss & Ellesmere Port
- Developed a land based proposition to 13th and 14th Round operators to take 'land risk' in return for a commercial settlement
- Formed Peel Gas and Oil Ltd to address the opportunity
- Utilises the infrastructure assets to facilitate development
 - Manchester Ship Canal for water, transport and land
 - Supply base via Port of Liverpool for steel, rig, sand etc
 - Commissioned high level assessment for pipeline to connect the market to demand centres
- Co-sponsored the 'Amion Report' on Shale Gas in the NW to supply only regional data and currently addressing the Supply chain economic case



Peel Case Study





Peel Case Study

- More than 'just' land ownership
- Provide an attractive 'value proposition' to Operators
- Risk / Reward model
- Partnership business approach
- Connect the market
- Understand and manage community impact
- UKOOG Members





Conclusions

- Powerful landowners see a business opportunity.
- Ineos farming into I-gas and partnering with Peel forms a very strong lobby group
- They will make things happen
- However it does require the government to back them
- Perhaps centralising permitting and over riding local planning authorities
- The government cannot ignore the size of the prize represented by Shale Gas.

