# Global Exploration Farm out Update, Challenges of the Evolving Landscape

#### (excluding North America)

Based on most of the publicly available information and JSI's opinions

There is very little data to interpret in 2016

#### 2016 predicted trends and outcome

Assuming some oil price recovery

- Farm in activity will increase 
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- Drilling activity will decrease ©
- Discovery sizes will fall <sup>©</sup>
- Drilling success rate will rise Image:
- Unconventional deal making will stay low

• There may be good surprises in 2016 (the optimistic view!) ☺

## challenges

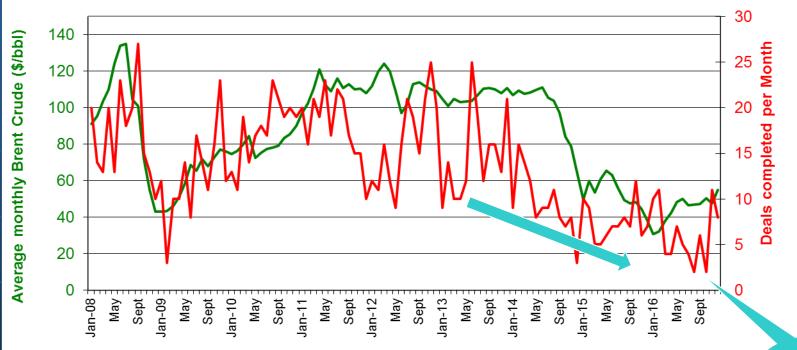
When
Where
How
Is it worth exploring/farming in

## Challenge 1 - Timing

- When is the best time to market a deal?
- When is the best time to start to farm in?

### Announced Deals vs Oil Price

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Since 2011 deal flow has declined and is now at levels last seen in 2002 when oil was \$23 per barrel

Farming out is now harder than it has been in the last 10 years and there is no clear sign of a revival yet

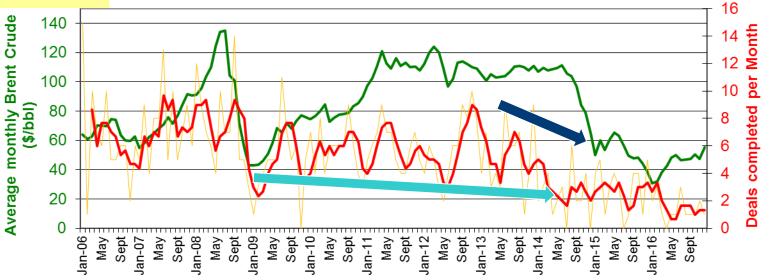
LOW?

### Announced Shallow Water Offshore Deals

#### Water depth<500m

#### Smoothed Deals curve

#### Announced Shallow Offshore Deals vs Oil Price



Shallow water deal making has declined slowly since 2007

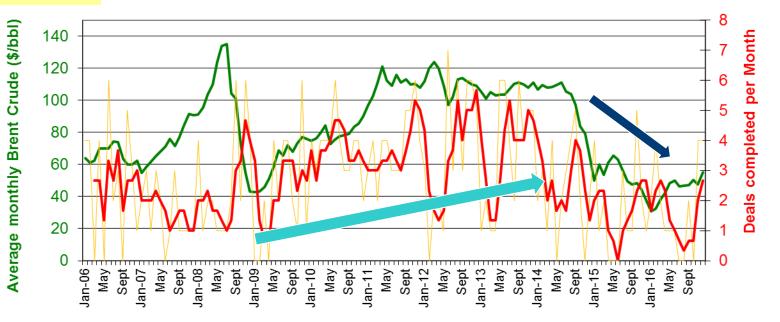
- This was due to a switch to deep water exploration
- There was a faster decline from late 2012 to early 2014 as companies really turned against shallow water
- Deal making has been low for 24+ months

### Announced Deep Water Offshore Deals

#### Water depth>500m

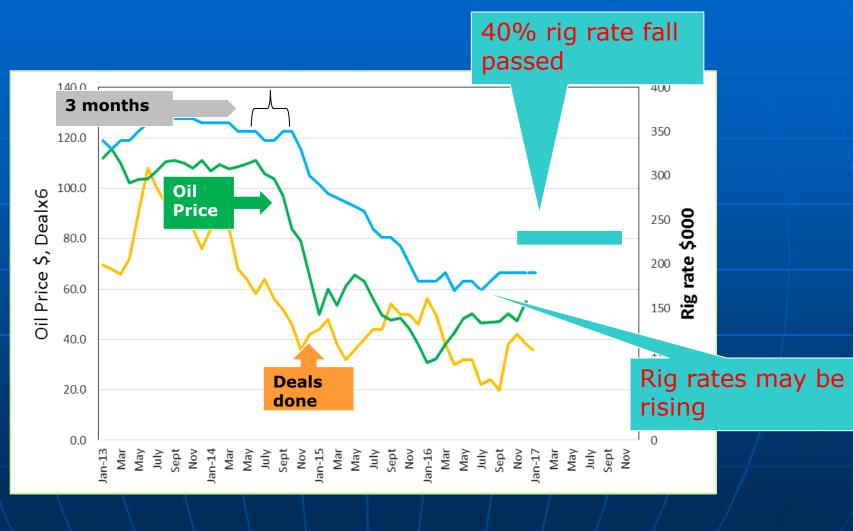
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#### **Announced Deep Offshore Deals vs Oil Price**

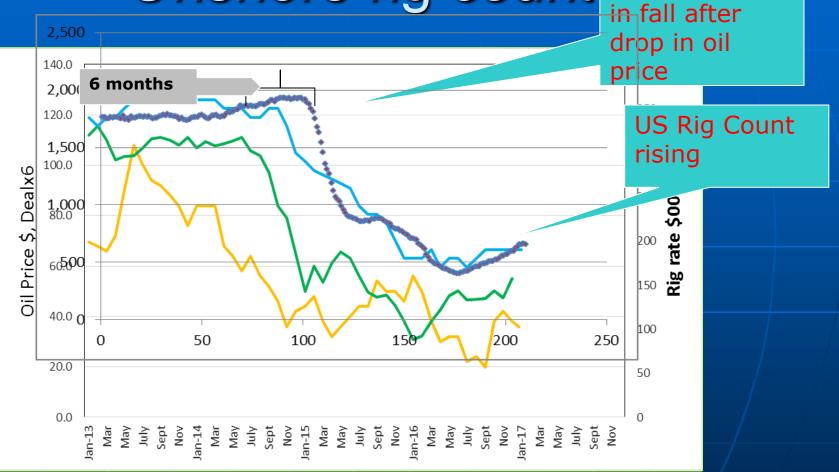


Since a slump in 2007 Deep Water deal making had increased and did not show the collapse in September 2011
 Though erratic there has been a fall in Deep Water activity in 2014-16 with no clear sign of a pick up

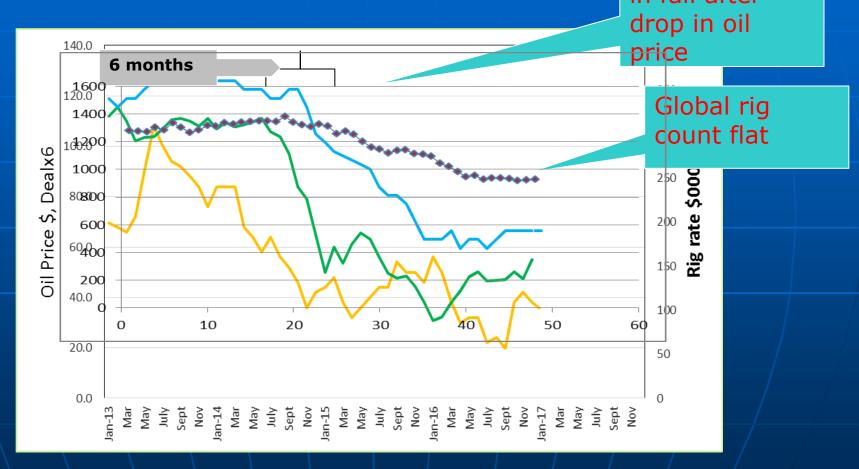
### 2014-17 Market Factors



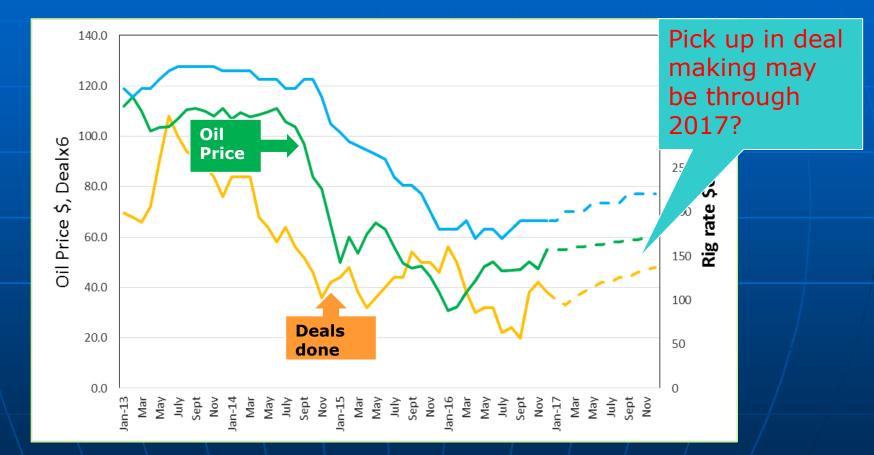
## North Sea Rig Rate vs US Onshore rig count Longer delay



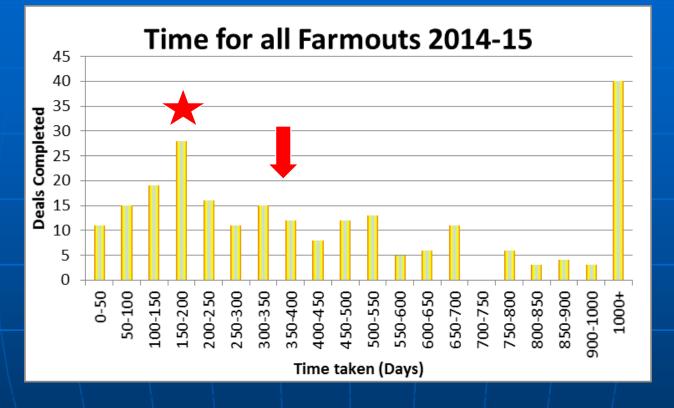
#### North Sea Rig Rate vs Global non US Rig Count 6 month delay in fall after



## 2017 Deal Trend Prediction



## Time Taken to Farm Out



- The time taken from a deal coming on the market to the completion of a farm out has a mode of 6 months
- Most deals take up to a year to farm out
- If the oil price is to rise in 2018 NOW is the time to be doing business

### Challenge 2 - Where to look

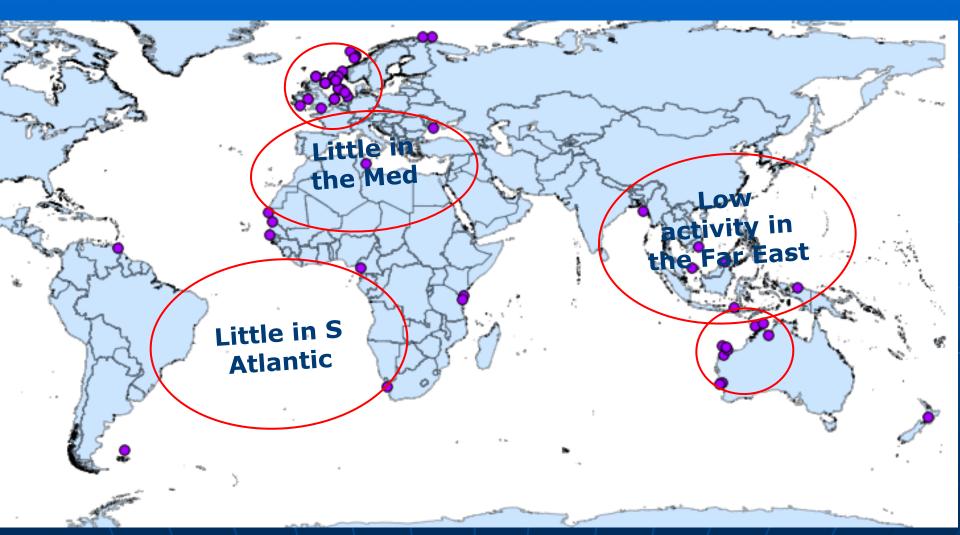
With oil price uncertainty the obvious places to look are those with low Capex possibilities and low Opex
 Follow the pack or buck the trend?

### Deep water deals done 15-16



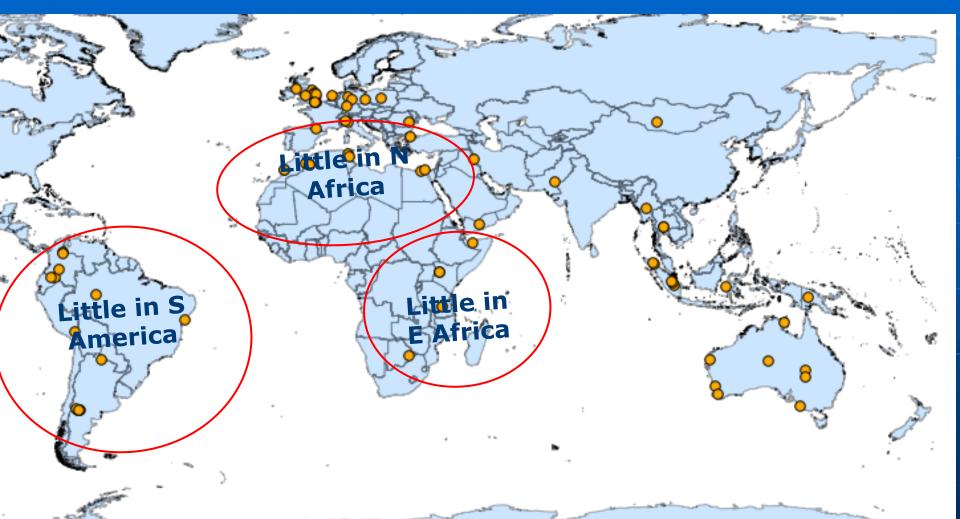
#### Focus has been around the Senegal & Guyana discoveries

## Shallow Water deals done 15-16



#### Focus has been the North Sea and Australia

### Onshore deals done 15-16



#### No real focus area and low activity everywhere

## Challenge 3 - Who

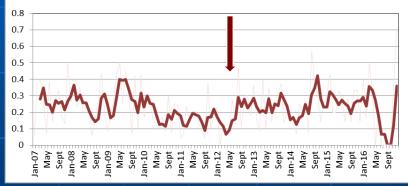
Who to farm out to?
Who is doing deals?
What type of deal?

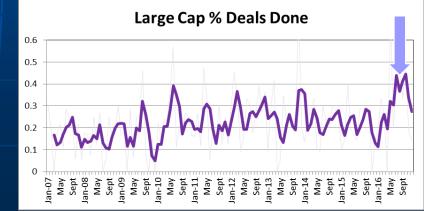
#### What size of company is farming in?

- Small Cap companies have declined in percentage terms from 65% in 2011 to 45% in 2016
- Mid caps have shown a jump in percentage terms from 10-15% in 2011 to 30% in 2014-16
   Large Caps have shown a jump in 2016
- Change towards the larger companies



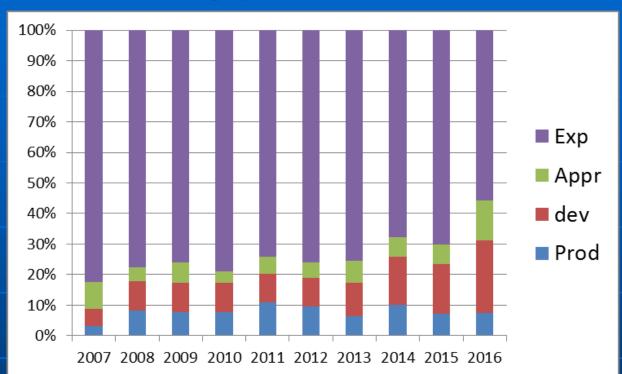
Mid Cap % Deals Done





# Change in Deal Type Over Time

JSI only records asset sales where there is a volume and price so this is a subset of all sales



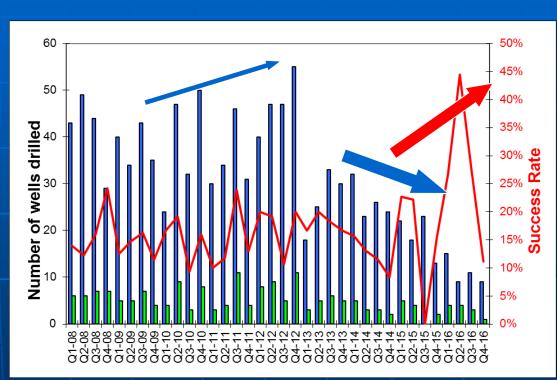
Appraisal, development and production deals used to be around 25% of the data
 In 2016 that rose to 45%

## Challenge 4

Is it worth exploring
 Is farming in better than buying reserves?

#### Farm in Drilling Results 2008-2016

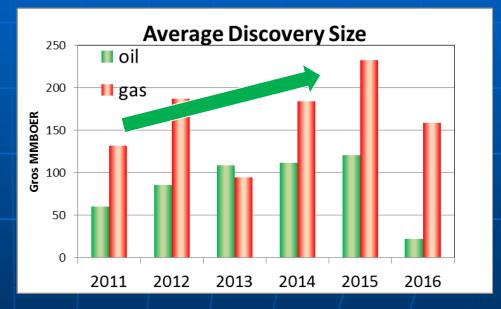
- General increase in drilling activity through 2010-12
   then reverse in 2013-16 – down
   nearly 75%
- Average success rate (red line, right hand scale) was stable in 2012-13 but erratic 2014-16
- Average success Rate is 19 % but 16% in 2010-14



Total wells drilled Discoveries

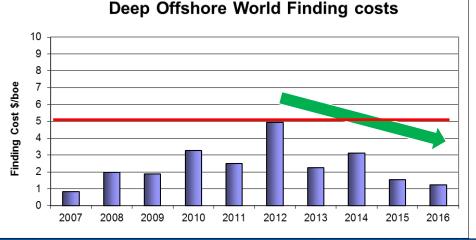
## Farm In Discovery Size

- Average oil discovery size fell in 2016 to 23MMBOR
- Average gas discovery size fell in 2016 to 159MMBOER (960BCFR)
- Sample size for 2016 discoveries is small (1 oil, 10 gas)

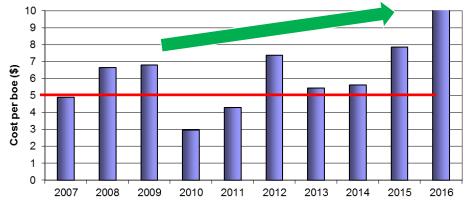


The rise in discovery size has been influenced by a few large discoveries each year and fewer onshore wells

# **Evolution of Farm in Finding Costs**

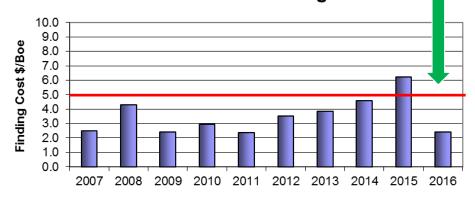


#### Shallow Offshore Finding Cost



Deep Offshore finding costs have been falling since 2012, halving from 2014 to 2016 Shallow Offshore finding costs have risen and are now well above 4x deep water costs Onshore costs have fallen in 2016 back to historic lows

**Onshore World Finding Cost** 



### Conclusions

- The deal making market is at a low both in volume and value
- Now is the best time to start the farm in/out process while costs are low
- Farm in drilling results have better discovery rates but smaller discovery sizes in 2016

### This Year's Predictions

#### Assuming oil price stability

- Farm in activity will increase
- Drilling activity will decrease
- Discovery sizes will rise
- Drilling success rate will remain stable
- Unconventional deal making will stay low
- There may be swings in commodity prices in 2017