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# **APPEX 2018**

## The Future of the UK North Sea and its remaining E&P Potential

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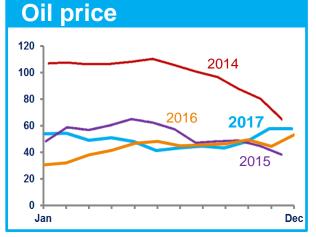


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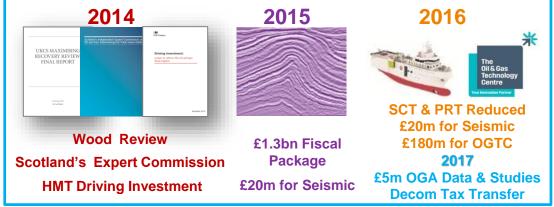
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# **UKCS Context**





#### Government response



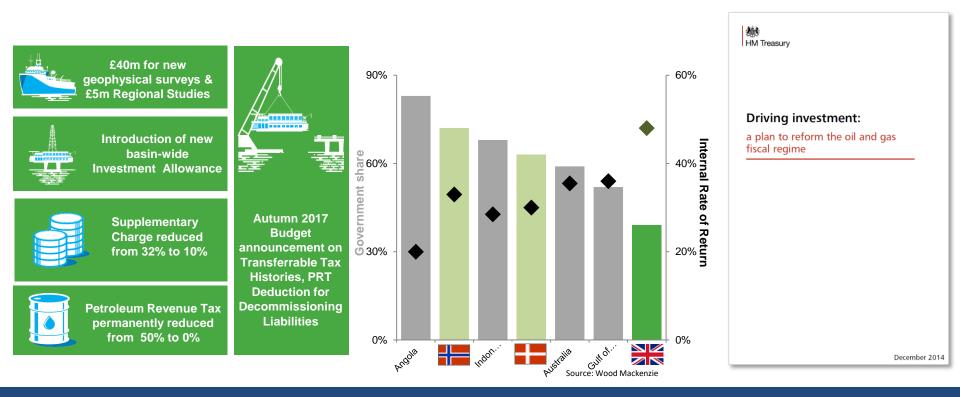
#### **Industry outcomes**



# **UKCS Fiscally Competitive**



#### UK Offers a highly attractive fiscal regime on a full-cycle basis



Driving Investment Plan Commits to Stable, Continuously Improving Fiscal Terms

# **OGA Exploration Plan**



Release of 2016 Gov-Funded Seismic & Additional Data	Q4 2017
Data Reporting/Retention Consultation	Q4 2017
Complete National Data Repository Levy Consultation	Q1 2018
Publish Regional Studies and Play Element Maps	Q1 2018
Announce Awards from 30 <sup>th</sup> Licensing Round	Q2 2018
Launch 31 <sup>st</sup> Round	mid-2018
Revise Yet-to-Find Estimates in Mature and Frontier Areas	Q4 2018

#### OGA delivering to agenda set out in 2017 Activity Plan

# **E&A Stewardship Expectations**





### **E&A Work Programme**

- Annual E&A work
  programme
- Resource evaluations
- pre, syn & post drill evaluations & weekly drilling reports
- OGA involvement prior to investment decisions



### **Subsurface Data**

- Common JV data sets
- Evaluation of best available data, technologies and tools
- Focus on quality geophysical data sets and workflows

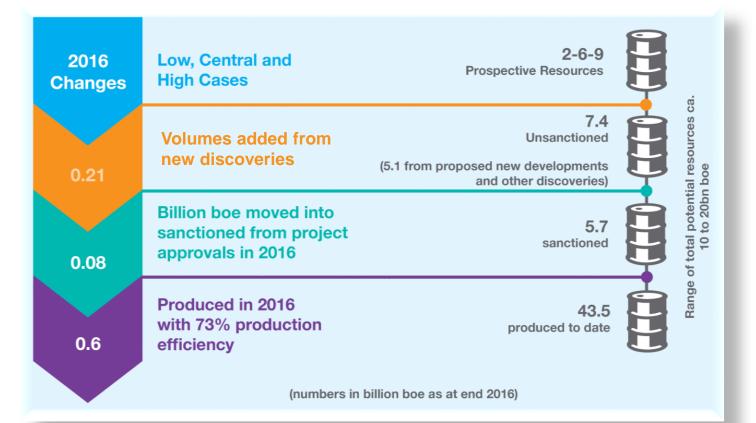
# Licence Activity

- Executed JOA 6 months from licence award
  - Notify OGA of licence decisions in good time
- OGA notified of farm-out or divestment prior to activity commencing

#### Co-authored with industry, outline "good practice", need to be followed

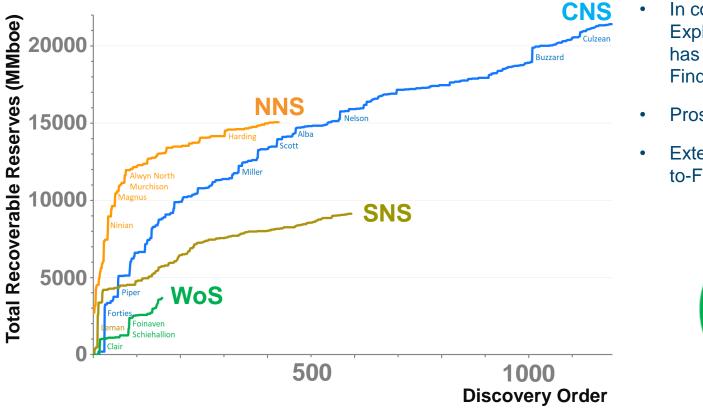
# **Reserves**

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UK Oil and Gas Reserves and Resources Report published 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017

# **Yet-to-Find Potential**



 In consultation with Exploration Task Force, OGA has revised the UKCS Yet-to-Find Methodology

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- Prospect Inventory Clean-up
- Extended to 'Unmapped' Yetto-Find

Other

YTF

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bnboe

CNS

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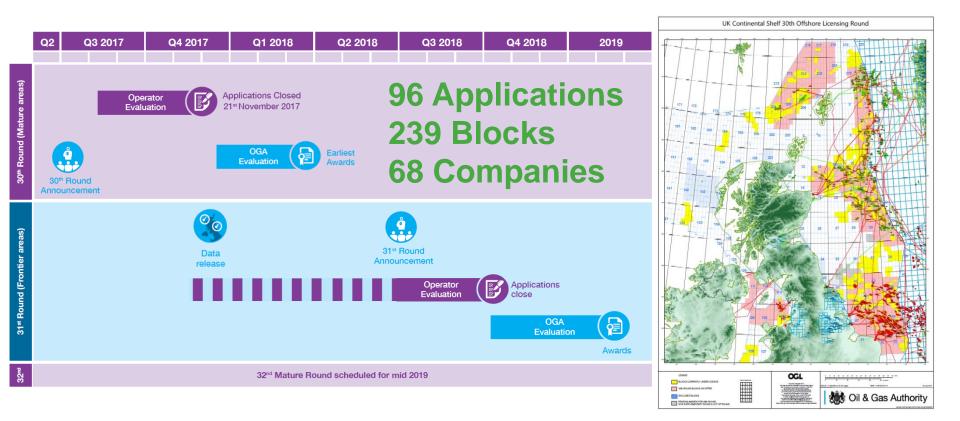
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# **2017/18 Offshore Licensing Rounds**

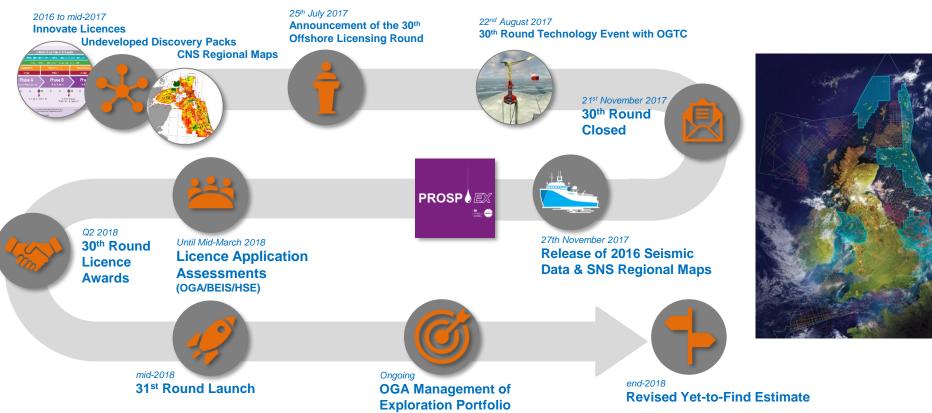




31<sup>st</sup> Offshore Round will open in mid-2018 covering Frontier Areas

# **Licence Round Storyboard**

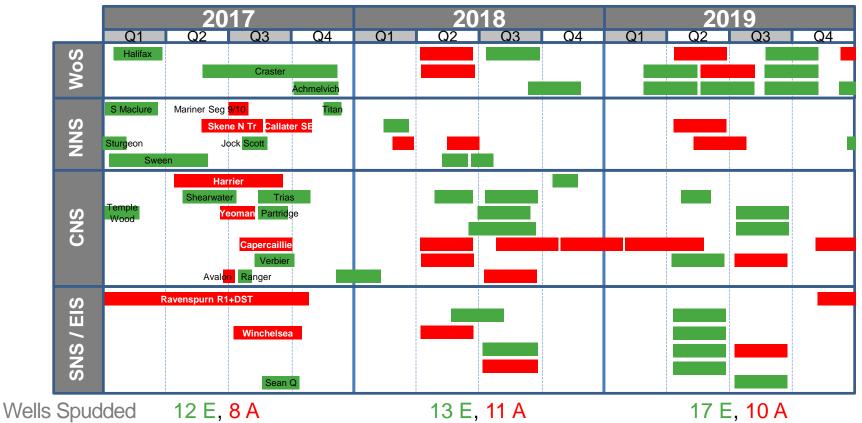




#### OGA encouraging industry to pick up pace of exploration activity

# **E&A** Well Activity



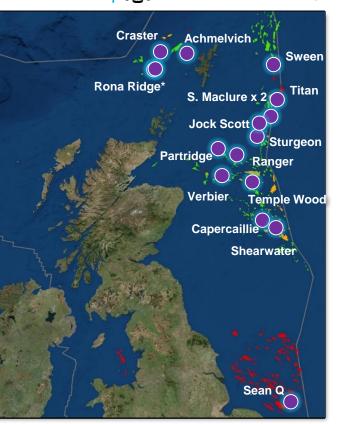


OGA working with operators to ensure quality well activity is undertaken

# **2017 Exploration Drilling**

Provisional Results – so far...

- To date 16 wells concluded at an average well cost of £21.5 mm halved since 2014
- **172 MMboe** potentially commercial recoverable resources in 7 discoveries
- **38%** commercial, **44%** technical success rate
- Finding cost **\$2.5/boe** @ \$/£ 1.25



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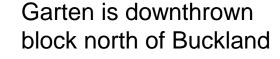
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* Rona Ridge under evaluation
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#### 2017 costs and commerciality show significant improvement

# Beryl Alpha

T Beryl Reservoir Depth Map

successfully unlocked multiple discoveries around Beryl with broadband seismic



Fast-track development via Buckland infrastructure if successful

#### OGA supporting fast-track developments

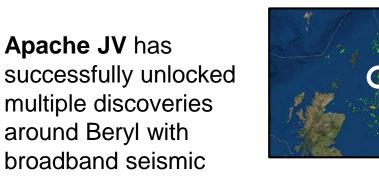
# Near Field Exploration 2018 – Garten

Beryl Bravo

Garten fault

block

Buckland





# **Free Subsurface Data**

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#### Free Subsurface Data

New, openly-available seismic and well data packages on the East Shetland Platform and South & West of Britain in support of the UK's 31<sup>st</sup> Offshore Licensing Round (due to open mid-2018).

These Government-Funded data packages will be delivered as workstation-ready products, as well as industry standard formats, and include:

- Processed seismic data, pre-stack time migrated (full offset stack and angle stacks)
- New 2D broadband acquisition (approx. 19,000 km) from South West Britain (WesternGeco) and the East Shetland Platform (PGS)
- Reprocessed legacy 2D seismic data (approx. 23,000 km) from North West UK, South West Approaches, East Irish Sea, Celtic Sea, Cardigan Bay, Morecambe Bay Bristol Channel and English Channel
- Seismic acquisition and processing report
- Database of released well data including joined wireline logs, checkshots and deviation data
- Synthetic well ties
- Gravity and magnetic of
- All data (including field data) available to order on media – handling and media charges apply

To download the data including shapefiles, visit CDA's website: www.ukollandgasdata.com

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#### Regional Reports

The OGA is also openly releasing a number of geological reports as part of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Exploration Roadmap (21CXRM – Phase 1). These studies were wholly-funded by the OGA to investigate the key subsurface uncertainties in the SW Approaches and East Shetland Platform areas.

#### East Shetland Platform Studies Frogtech & IGI

- Evaluation of the structural evolution of the East Shetland Platform area primarily using potential fields data (also integrating other available data sets)
- Assessment of source rock potential using geochemical methods (incl. compilation & interpretation of available raw geochemical data, collection of new geochemical samples, compilation & interpretation of relevant seep data)

#### SW Approaches Studies

- Getech & BGS
- Compilation of processed gravity & magnetic potential fields data across the SW Approaches & Western Europe
- Comprehensive literature review of the late- and post-Variscan basins of Western Europe (specifically focused on source rock potential of the Late Carboniferous to Lower Permian intervals)

#### Reports and supplementary data are available via:

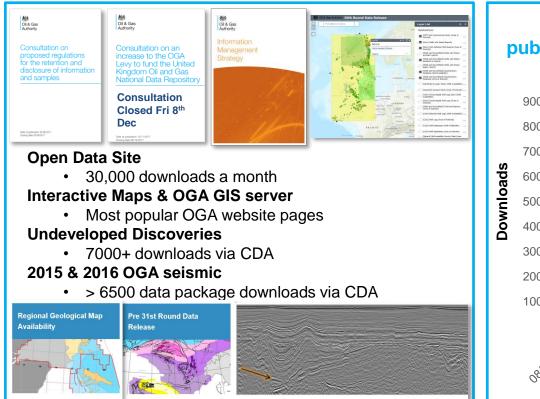
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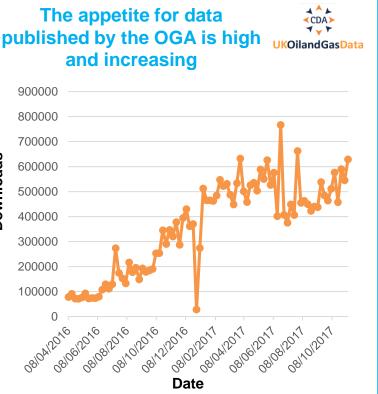
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#### Further Information Available on OGA Website

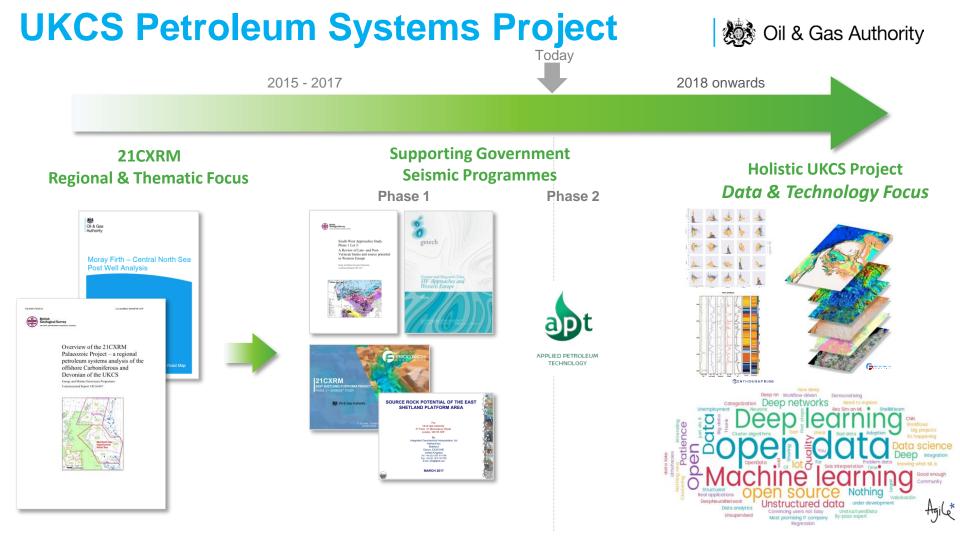
# **Data Reporting and Release**

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#### The OGA is working towards an Open NDR with modern, cloud-based access







**OGA** is supporting industry activity across UK

UKCS continues to deliver commercial volumes through E&A

E&A successes delivered across a range of basins and plays

Great remaining E&A potential across UKCS, offering attractive value

OGA, industry and government need to continue to work together