





# Status Update: E&P Potential Offshore NW Africa after Senegal and Mauritania

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# **Exploration in North West Africa**

**Revealing its charms slowly** 

### **A long time coming (1960-2014)**

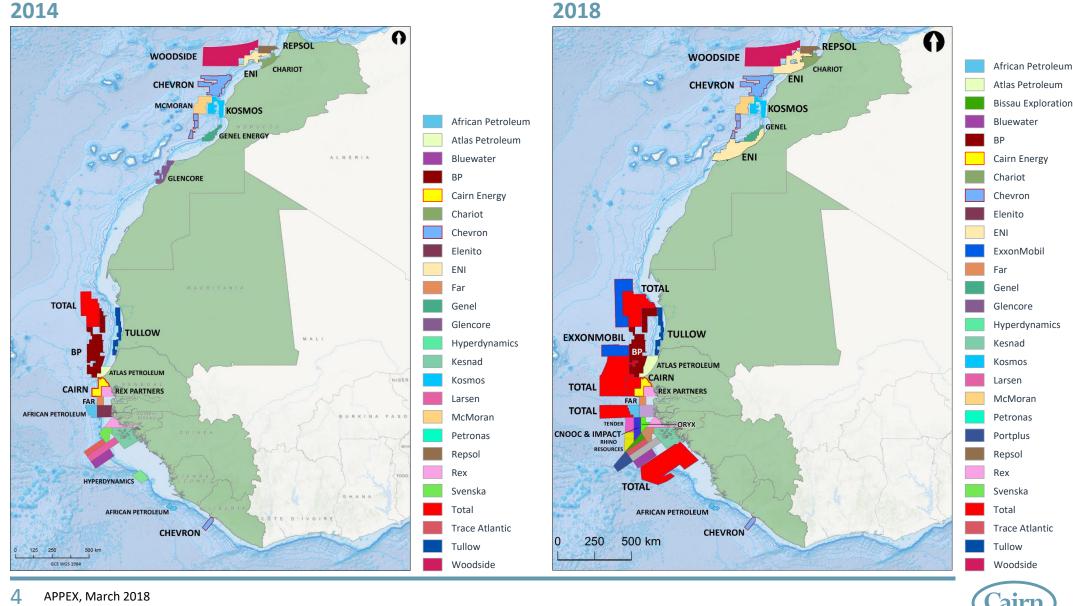
- Offshore starts in 1960s
  - Single commercial discovery Chinguetti
- 2000s-multiple non-commercial discoveries offshore Mauritania
- More, bigger 3Ds, move into deeper water, independents move in....success follows
  - Cairn
  - Kosmos
- World-class developments on the horizon in Senegal and Mauritania
  - SNE Field oil
  - Tortue Development gas

### By 2018 the field gets crowded

- Majors/Supermajors follow success
  - Woodside re-enters, taking CoP stake
  - BP joins Kosmos
  - Total invests strongly
  - Exxon enters deep water
- > Exploration moves deeper....and deeper
- > 3D seismic coverage expands dramatically
- > Multiple deep water wells on the horizon

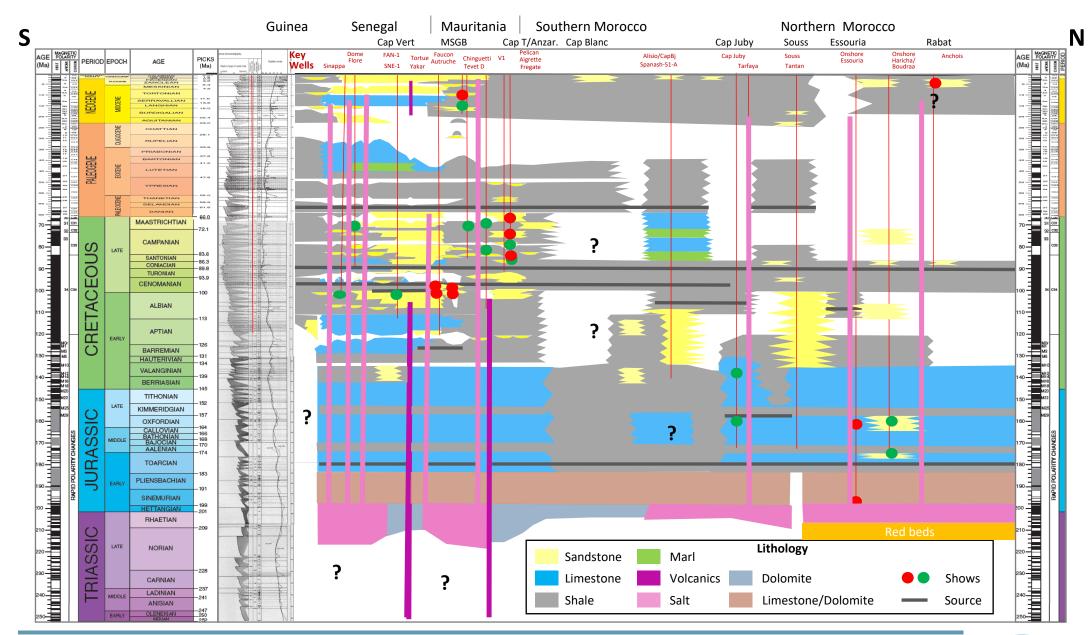


### Leasehold Position Pre and Post FAN-1 & SNE-1 Discoveries





# Regional Chronostratigraphy, Lithostratigraphy and Key Wells





### **MSGBC Before FAN-1 and SNE-1**

Around 150 wells drilled offshore with only one development

### Senegal

- > 45 wells drilled, all shallow water
- > First well in basin Casamance Marine-1 1966
- No commercial success
- > First deep water license Vanco, 1999
- RSSD license awarded to Hunt 2004
  - > FAR invests in 2006, Cairn invests in 2013

### Mauritania

- > 69 wells drilled
- Chinguetti only development (Woodside, 2001)
- Dana drills Pelican (2003), Faucon(2005)
   Aigrette (2006) Cormoran (2010) and Fregate (2014) discoveries
- Kosmos entered in 2012 with 3 licenses
  - > 2D and 3D seismic commitment

### The Gambia

- One well drilled (Jammah-1 CVX 1979) on 2D seismic data
- No 3D seismic

### **AGC**

- > 20 wells drilled
  - Dome Flore and Gea heavy oil discoveries
  - > No commercial development

### **Guinea Bissau**

- 10 wells drilled 1968-1990 all with shows
- Sinapa-1 and Sinapa-2 encounter live oil (2001-2004)

### **Guinea Conakry**

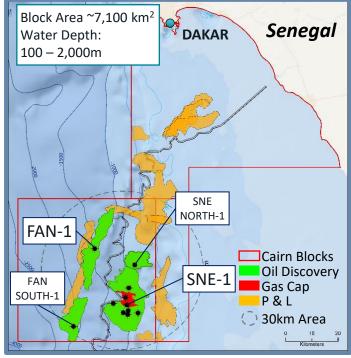
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# Moving a Frontier basin to an Emerging Oil Play

- Strong belief in the potential of offshore Senegal
- Drilled first deep water wells offshore Senegal 2014
  - > Two basin opening discoveries, FAN-1 and SNE-1
- > Eleven successful E&A wells drilled 2014-2017
- Established a new hydrocarbon basin, attracting the attention of the global industry
- Three phase drilling programme generated an increasing resource base of up to one billion barrels recoverable
- Foundation for multi field, multi phase development plan
- Progressing to first oil between 2021-2023





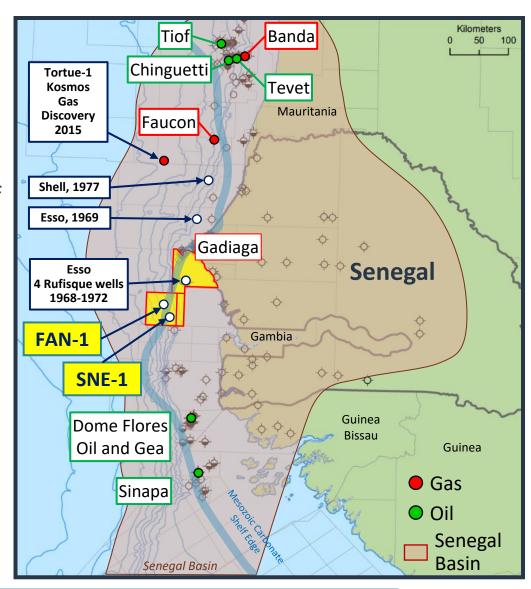


# Key Elements: 3D Seismic, Source Basin and Reservoir Models

- Previous offshore wells demonstrated oil on the shelf (Esso 1968-1972, Rufisque dome)
- Seismic indication of hydrocarbons
- DSDP wells further offshore (1970s)
   demonstrate Cretaceous source rocks
- Cairn basin modelling suggested good chance of a mature source kitchen
- No wells drilled in the deep water

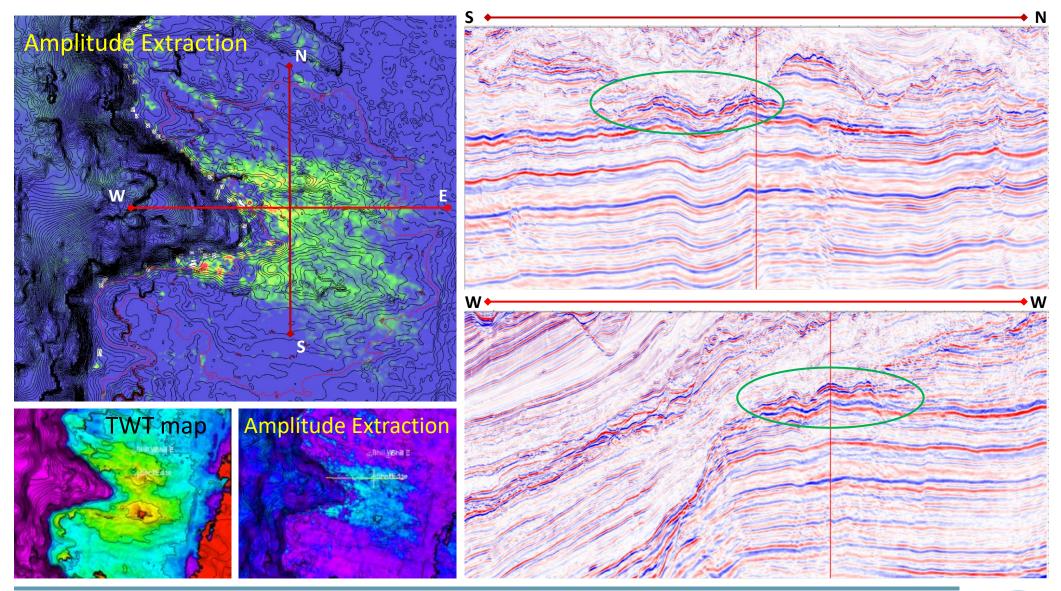
# Why RSSD? (Rufisque, Sangomar and Sangomar Deep Blocks)

- Cairn's basin modelling suggests mature HC source kitchen within the western part of the RSSD block
- Several prospects and leads identified by Hunt and FAR on 3D seismic
- Seismic attributes suggest sand (and later hydrocarbons)





# SNE field Lower Albian Shelf Edge (Cairn Farm-in Stage)

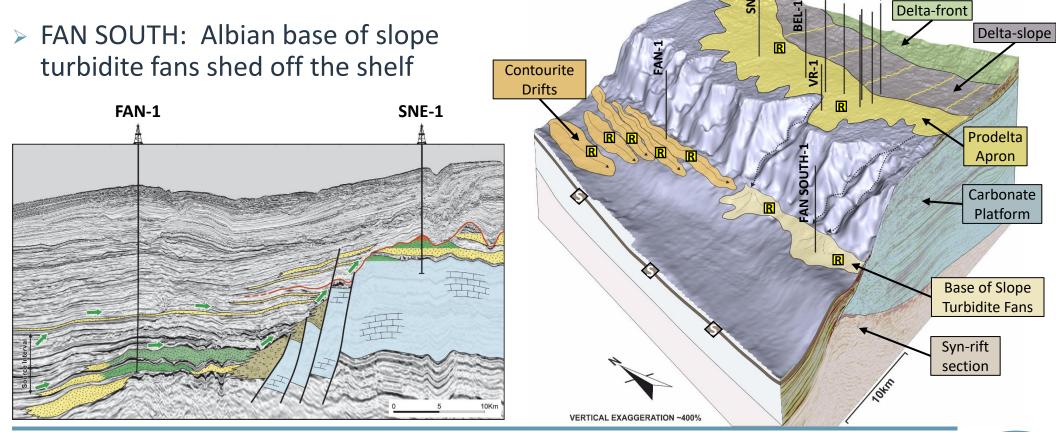




# **Geology of Cretaceous SNE and FAN plays**

SNE Field: Early Albian sandy pro-delta turbidite apron and delta-fed ramp

FAN: Late Albian axially reworked contourites and gravity deposits



SNE-NORTH-1

FAN

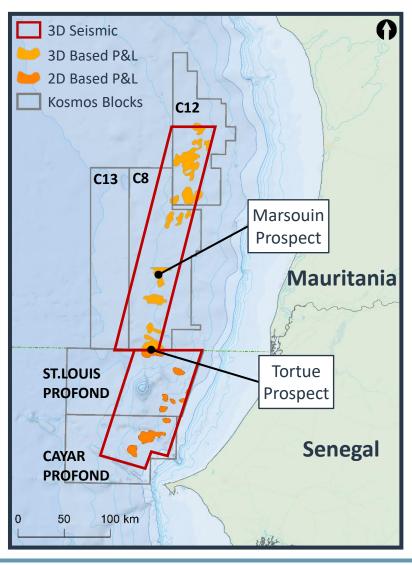
SOUTH-1

**SNE Wells** 

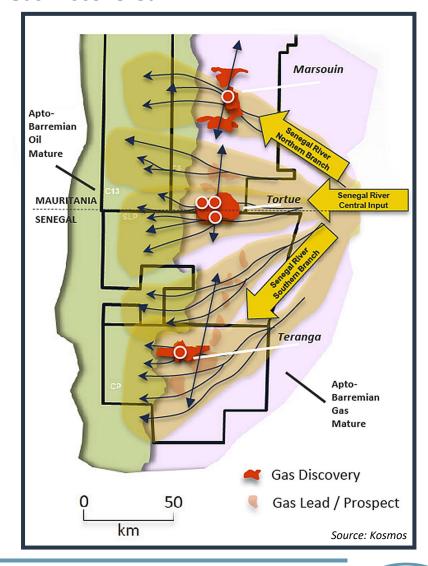
# 2015 Kosmos Discovers Gas Offshore Mauritania & Senegal

PreCenomanian sands along structural trend deliver world-class volumes-Drill

### **Pre-Drill**



### 25 Tcf Gas Discovered

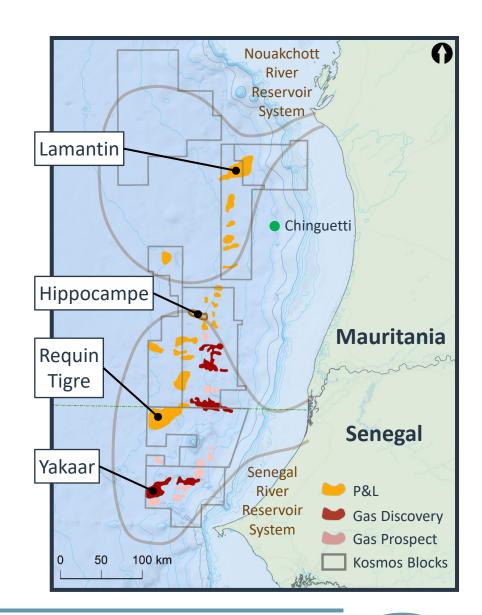




# **Basin Floor Fan Play has Limited Success**

### Liquids remain elusive

- Yakaar-1 discovery reported 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017
  - Lower Cenomanian basin floor fan play
  - Combination structural-stratigraphic trap
  - Reported 15 TCF gas
- Hippocampe-1 reported dry 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017
  - Lower Cenomanian and Albian sand targets
  - Well-developed, wet reservoir
  - Reportedly lack of charge
- Lamantin-1 reported dry 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017
  - Campanian base of slope fan target
  - Combination structural-stratigraphic trap
  - Reportedly failed due to lack of trap/seal
- Requin Tigre-1 reported dry 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018
  - Cenomanian and Albian basin floor fan targets
  - No failure mechanism reported

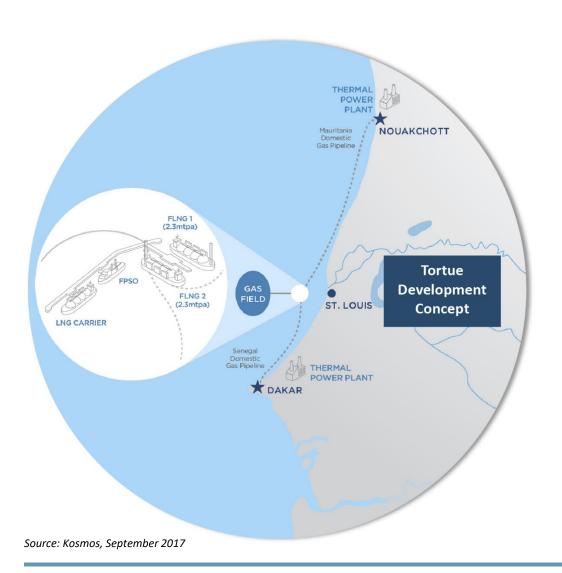


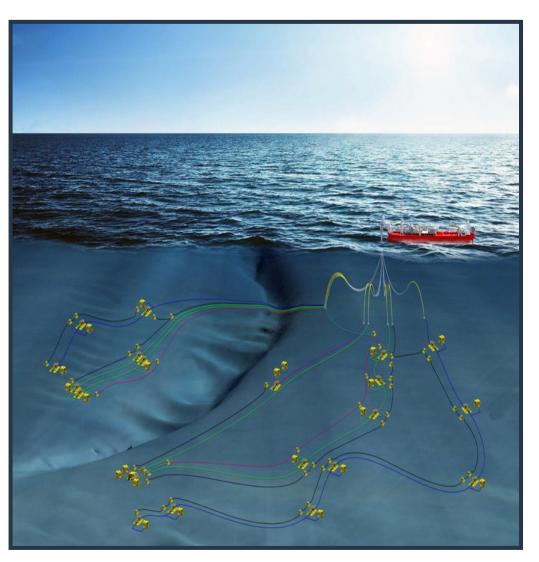


# **World Class Developments Taking Shape**

**Tortue Development Concept** 

**SNE Full Field Development Schematic** 

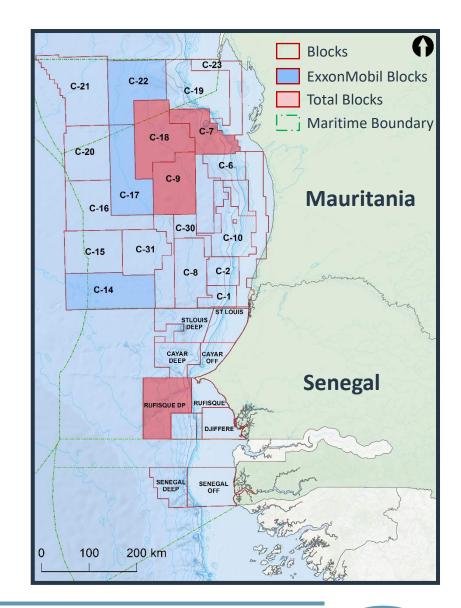






# Opportunities Ahead – Mauritania and Senegal

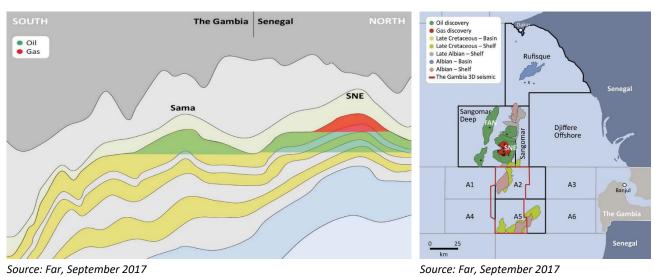
- > Total expands in a big way
  - Mauritania
    - > Licenses C7 for 3D, and renews C9 with a well 2019
    - > Farm-in to C18 and takes operatorship
  - Senegal
    - Licences Rufisque Offshore Profond (ROP)
    - Work commitment 3D seismic and a well
- ExxonMobil enters Mauritania (90% WI)
  - Blocks C22, C17 and C14
  - Water Depth 1,000 to >3,000m
  - Plays include Paleocene and Cretaceous turbidite, basin floor fan plays
  - > Fluid type and trap are key risks

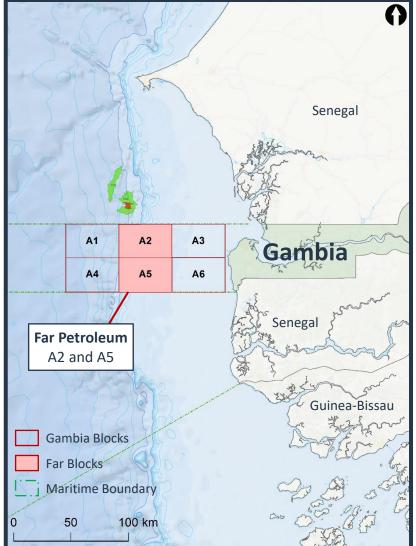




# **Opportunities Ahead – The Gambia**

- FAR acquired 80% WI and operatorship in blocks A2 and A5 from Erin Energy (20% WI)
  - > FAR has farmed down 40% WI to Petronas
    - On a promoted basis
  - Plan to drill a well in Q3 2018

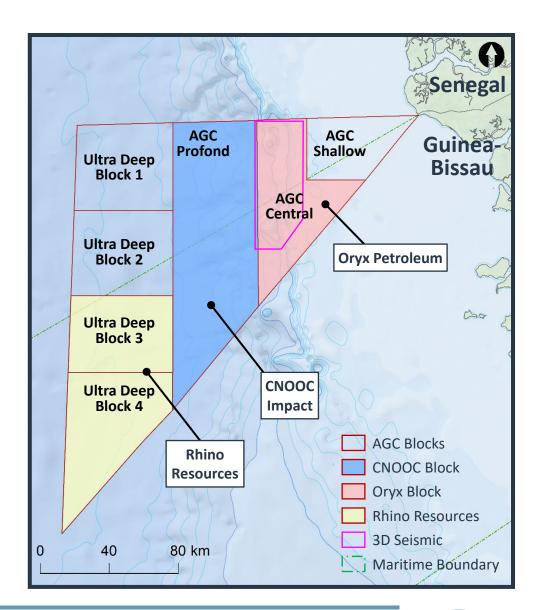






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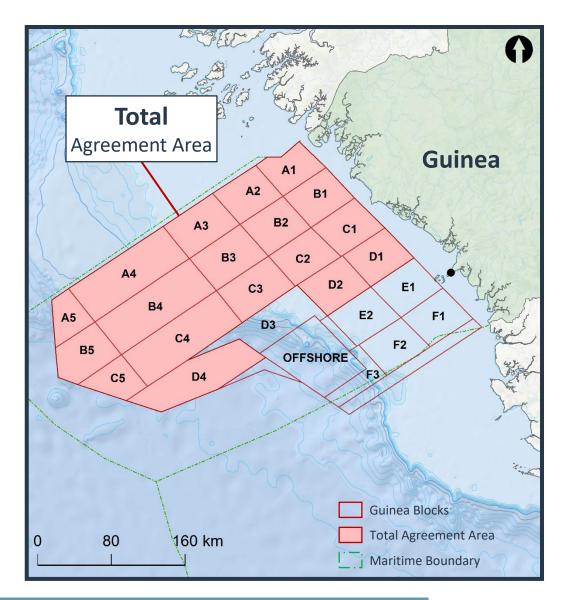
- Oryx Acquires AGC central 2014
  - Portion of block covered by GeoPartners 3D seismic
  - Similar play concept to SNE
  - Drill or drop October 2018
- Impact farm out AGC Profond to CNOOC in 2017





# **Opportunities Ahead – Guinea Conakry**

- Total enters Guinea Conakry
  - Acquire one year study agreement covering 55,000 km<sup>2</sup> in October 2017
  - After one year Total will select three licenses to start an exploration program
- Guinea reportedly aspiring to run a licence round for all blocks
  - WGC planning a major seismic reprocessing job





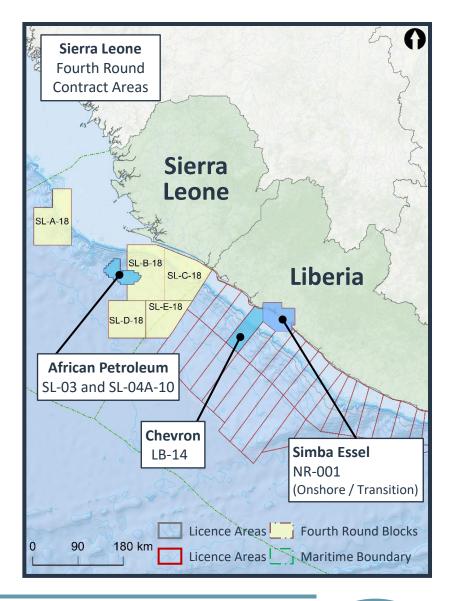
# Opportunities Ahead – Sierra Leone and Liberia

### Sierra Leone

- > 16 wells drilled Since 2010: none commercial
- All but 3 licences exited at end 2017
- Sierra Leone Licencing round June 2018
  - 3 Deepwater and 2 mid/shallow water blocks offered
- African Petroleum reportedly plan to drill deep water prospect 2019

### Liberia

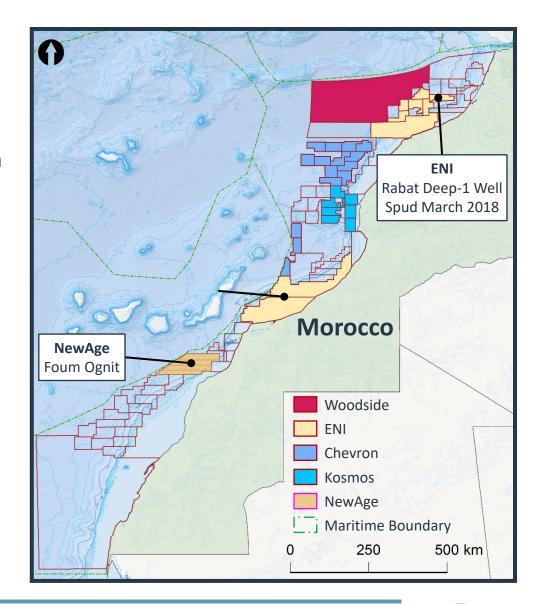
- Only one onshore player
  - Simba Essel in the Transition/Onshore basins
- Chevron licence will expire June 2018
- Impetus needed to attract international firms
- Frontier Acreage (eg Harper Basin still untouched)





# **Opportunities Ahead – Morocco**

- ENI to Spud Rabat Deep-1 Carbonate play 1H 2018
- NewAge Foum Ognit drill or drop Aug 2018, drilling Late 2019?
- Chevron, Woodside, ENI and Kosmos still have extensive acreage holding and active in area, (ENI awarded Tarfaya Shallow Dec 17)
- ONHYM initiating new regional 2D





# Regional Offshore Activity North West Africa 2018

#### Mauritania

> Tullow

Block 7 Fregate-1 well, essentially signals end of Tullow Cret Campaign, Exit block 10 in 2017

> Total

Block 7 and Block 9 grow position, Block 9 drilling 2019

Petronas

Block 10 Chinguetti Abandoned end 2017

Kosmos

Tortue and Marsouin structural gas discoveries; New Play Cenomanian/Albian BFF, but strat/AVO plays Hippocampe and Lamantin water wet

Exxon

Farms into deep water C14, C17, C22 - reputedly a \$70 MM signature bonus

Banda Gas

No funds from World Bank – project stalled

### Senegal / The Gambia

Cairn

SNE and FAN successes – New play opened for Albian Clastics on Aptian Carbonate shelf in 2014

Kosmos

Gas discoveries Teranga/Yakaar 2017 open up Cenomanian play, but Requin Tigre well BFF fails

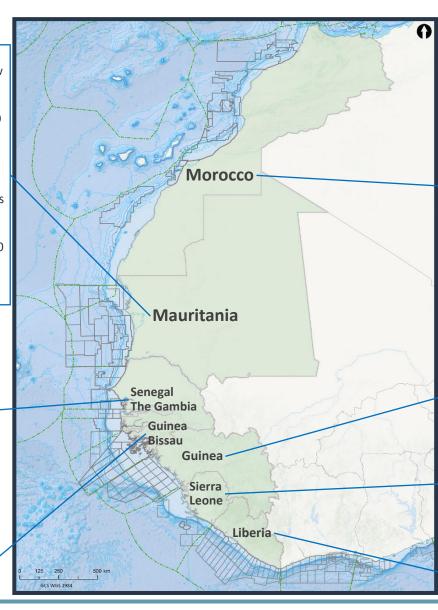
Well planned for The Gambia A2/A5 late 2018.

> Total entry into deep water for well commitment

### Guinea - Bissau / AGC

> CNOOC, Svenska, Oryx planning wells on SNE trend

Cap/Trace, Supernova and Geopartners Touting farm-ins



#### Morocco

ENI/Woodside

Enter Rabat deep -JPP2 carbonate test Feb 2018

Cairn/Kosmos/Genel/Serica

FA-1, FD-1 and JM-1 wells failed to find significant HCs

Tangiers/Galp

Tarfaya TAO-1 no shows/Jurassic Reef poor reservoir, JV exited

Genel

Sidi Mousa-1 non-comm oil, 2nd well replaced by 3D

San Leon

Tarfaya-1 well failed—breached Carbonate trap

ENI

Entered Tarfava Feb 2018

Chevron

Cape Cantin/Walida 4000 km<sup>2</sup> 3D, Qatar F-in 2016

1,218 km<sup>2</sup> 3D Gharb South Offshore

### Guinea

**Hyperdynamics** 

Fatala-1 Well dry

Total licenses whole offshore with 1 yr recon license

### Sierra Leone

Gov't licencing round June 2018, aided by EHRC

African Petroleum

Ultra deepwater AVO play in only held block

### Liberia

Chevron/Anadarko/African Petroleum Exit, reservoir quality cited, only Chevron current holder, and due to expire



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