

**Update 5 (31 August 2016)**

## **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE 29th OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS LICENSING ROUND**

Questions raised by potential applicants concerning this Round for answer by the OGA should be *emailed* to the contacts below. The OGA will aim to post any *new* questions and answers within five working days on this page.

Questions will only be answered in this way, to ensure that the same information is available to everyone at the same time, in the interests of a transparent and fair process.

**Contacts to be e-mailed with your questions (*please copy both contacts in on your e-mail as this ensures your question will be dealt with quickly in the case of either contact not being in the office*):**

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Questions regarding LARRY should be directed initially to the Portal Help Desk.

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Questions and Answers will be split into two sections; one section will relate to Policy issues around the Licence Round; the other relates to the LARRY system.

To view a new Q & A, scroll to the *end* of the relevant section.

### **Policy**

P1: Please be aware that Blocks 19/15; 20/11; 20/12 have been removed from the Blocks on offer in the 29<sup>th</sup> Round. The Blocks list and relevant Maps are being updated accordingly.

P2: Please be aware that Blocks 43/1; 43/2; 43/6; AND 165/5; 166/1; 166/13; 166/2; 166/7; 166/8; 175/29; 175/30; 176/26 have been removed from the Blocks on offer in the 29<sup>th</sup> Round. The Blocks list and relevant Maps are being updated accordingly.

**Q1: Has the Shapefile been updated to reflect the amendments to the list of Blocks detailed on this page?**

**A1:** The relevant shapefiles have now been updated.

**Q2: Will extra marks be available in a short duration Phase B for new shoot seismic irrespective of whether a contingent well has been bid or not? The marks sheet seems to imply a contingent wells is required.**

A2: Where the Initial Term commences with Phase B it would be expected that a Contingent well would be offered so will attract the Marks. A Drill or Drop could be offered, but as this is not such a strong Work Programme the OGA would have to consider whether the marks for a short duration time frame would apply.

**Q3: How will short duration marks be distributed between blocks in a licence application (assuming several blocks have been applied for) where new shoot seismic will cover all the blocks and an associated single contingent well has been bid based on a specifically identified prospect within one of the blocks?**

A3: The short duration Marks will apply per block irrespective of any potential location of a Contingent well, enabling competition to be assessed on the time frame alone.

**Q4: What is the timeframe in which the detail of the eligibility of companies applying for licences under the Innovate Seaward Licensing Round will be judged?**

A4: Applicants must submit their financial information as part of the Application(s) they submit, and that is the financial information that OGA and BEIS will consider.

**Q: If a firm well is bid (Phase C start phase) would a) the available timing marks potentially vary depending on depth, technical difficulty etc (in which case the 30, 40, 50 timing marks are effectively 'max' values?) and b) would the timing mark be available for just the block potentially containing the firm well (or split according to perceived prospect location in relation to block boundaries) or awarded fully to each block within the licence area applied for?**

A: a) The timing mark is relative, where the OGA will decide whether a programme is short, medium or long depending on the competition for a block. If a well to a shallow target is not to be drilled until year 4 (the maximum time for any Phase) compared with an HPHT target in the same time frame then the higher Marks will be allocated to the more complex work programme. The OGA will make decisions based on what is considered to be MER UK (see How decisions are reached) perhaps by marriage or splitting blocks areally if practicable.

b) If a Firm well is bid, the Marks for Phase C would be applied fully to each of the main blocks related to the prospect. This would enable the comparison with another Company who defined a similar prospect but where the proposed well location was in a different block.

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