The Benefit of Seismic Re-processing to Identify Late Life Opportunities in the Buckland Field

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Summary

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- BK7 Producer Successful Buckland well drilled in 2018 (last year's focus)
- Seismic re-processing
- BKSW pre-drill interpretation
- BKSW result





Beryl Embayment Relay Ramp







Top Beryl Semi Regional Depth



Buckland Discovered 1979 – 1 Exploration, 3 Appraisal Wells





Buckland Field – 6 Producers 1 Injector, 3 Producers Online 2022





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2019: BK7 Successful at all 4 Primary Targets





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Beryl 2020 Seismic Reprocessing

Acquisition

• PGS Geostreamer 2012-13

Reprocessing

- Initial PSDM 2014, Reprocessing PSDM 2020
- Improvements:
 - Increased frequency content
 - Reflector resolution
 - Reflector continuity
 - Sharper horizon terminations
 - Fault imaging
- Key reprocessing flow elements creating improvements
 - Denoise (regeneration of P-UP & deghosting with 3D directivity)
 - Demultiple (algorithm improvements)
 - Full Waveform Inversion velocity model (2014 tomographic)
- Result
 - Improved Buckland structural interpretation and top Beryl reflector over BKSW
 - Provided confidence for well approval





2014 Initial PSDM Seismic Data





PGS 2020 PSDM Re-processed Seismic





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Seismic Comparison: 2020 Re-processed Seismic Data





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BKSW Pre-drill De-risking/Uncertainty



- Seal from the BK6 terrace to the north and the BK6 producer -Simulation history match proved BK6 didn't need BKSW volumes to produce
- Seal to the west F1 fault. Buckland is a downthrown fault block and juxtaposes the Triassic
- Volume uncertainty
 - Depth conversion Top Beryl and fault position
 - Contact depth
 - Pressure connected to regional aquifer?



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BK6 Fault-Plane Section showing no Beryl Juxtaposition along the BK6 fault plane.

Top Beryl hanging-

Wall

Beryl foot-wall

Beryl hanging-wall

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Drill

Centre

BK6 Performance

- Started production in December 2010 from the Upper Beryl and Linnhe sands ٠
- Early performance showed sharp increase in GOR with drop in oil ٠
 - Suggests baffled terrace with the main Buckland area limited influx
- Model history match supports the baffled BK6 terrace with main Buckland area ٠
 - BK6 terrace pressure is estimated <2000 psi ٠
 - Material balance indicated no communication with BKSW terrace ٠





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BKSW Beryl Successful – Drilled Q4 2022



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Conclusions

- 2020 re-processing facilitated BKSW detailed interpretation
- Simulation history match indicated BK6 didn't need BKSW volumes
- BKSW accessed a net pay thickness of 285 ft TVD, which would otherwise have been stranded
- BKSW came online at 8 Mbo/d and 7 MMscf/d
- Further work reservoir simulation will investigate re-instating water injection





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