

Economic Factors for Decommissioning Planning

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Exploration & Production Lifecycle

Explore

Assess

Develop

Operate

Decommission

- Where to drill?
- What will we find?
- What have we found?
- What can we do?
- Is there an investment?

- Design
- Procure
- Construct
- Drill wells

- Produce
- maintain
- Plug wells
- Clean & remove equipment
- Site restoration

10 to 15 years

Strategy

- Identify preferred owner for late life
- Approach to maximise value
- Make financial provision

Cessation of Production

5 to 10 years

Readiness for Cessation of Production

- Quantify Economic Limit uncertainty
- Timing?
- decommissioning options?
- phasing?
- Engage with authorities
- Optimise operating cost

0 to 5 years

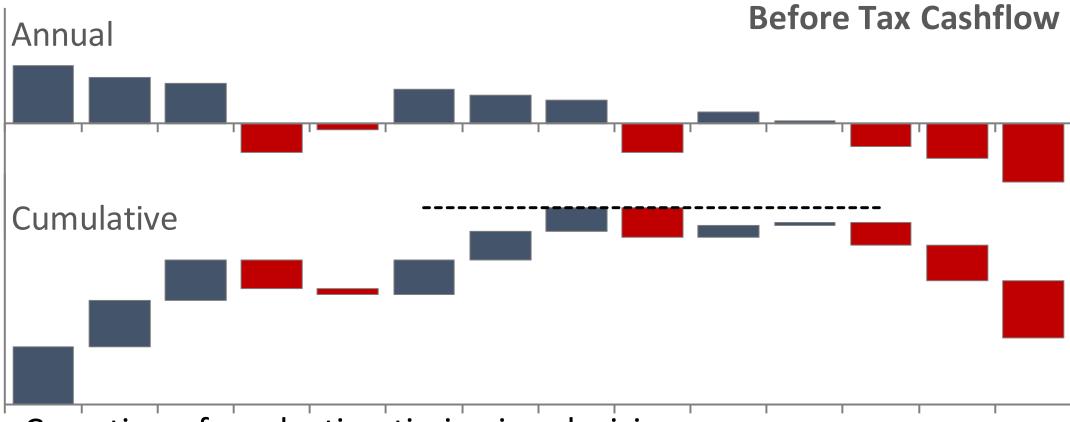
5 to 10 years

Decommissioning

- Technical studies to compare options
- Approve funding
- Execute work
- Monitor site

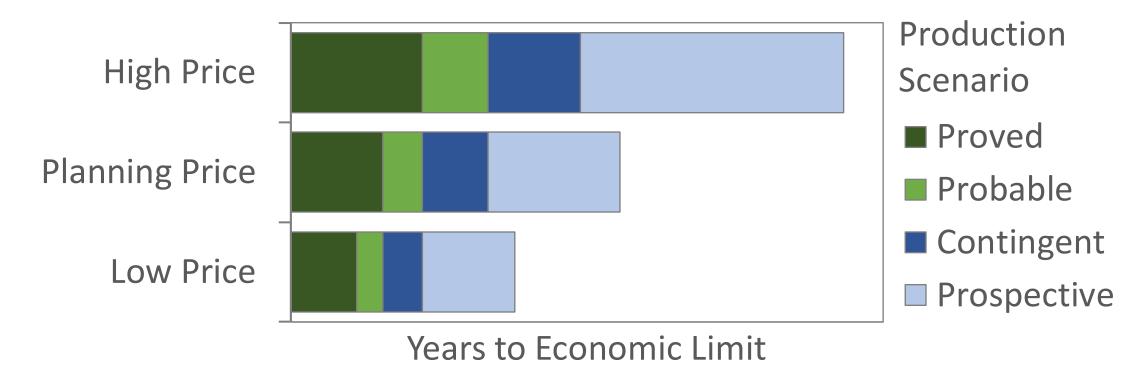
Decommissioning Planning Horizon

Economic Limit



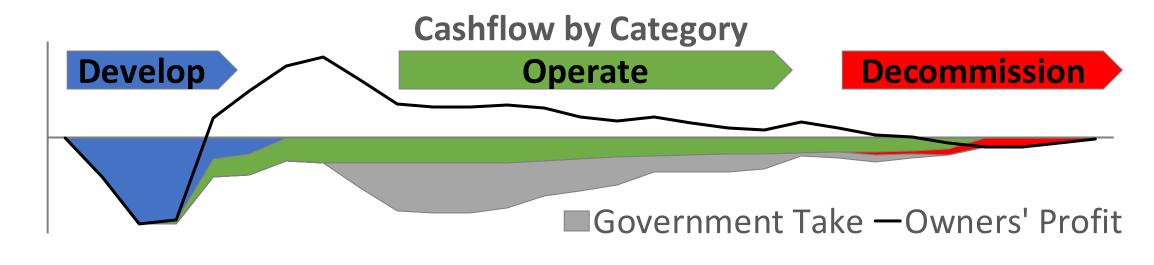
- Cessation of production timing is a decision
- Informed by Economic Limit

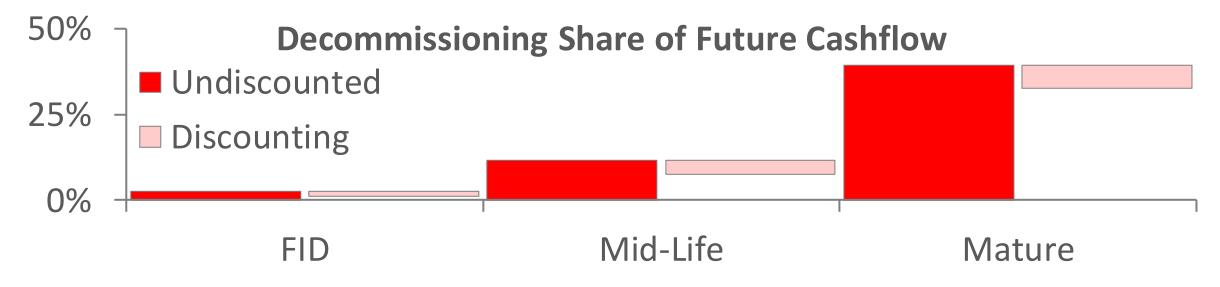
Economic Limit Uncertainty



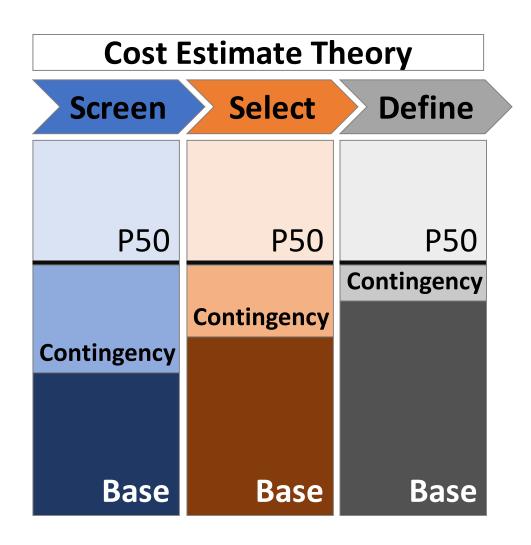
- Potential for spread in Economic Limit estimates
- Events...leading to unexpected changes

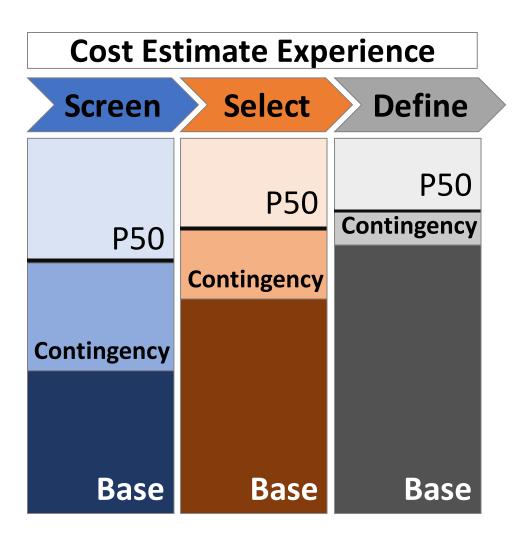
Decommissioning Cost Estimate





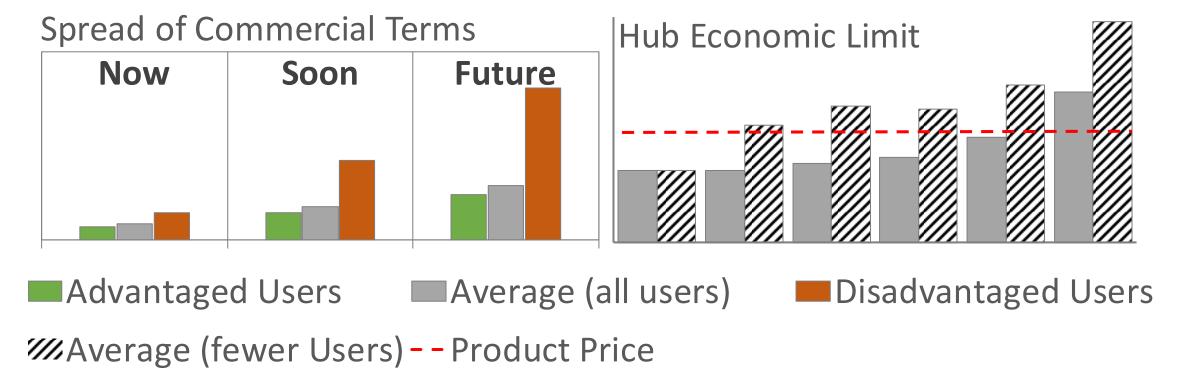
Decommissioning Cost Estimate





Hub Complexity

Shared Facilities Unit Cost



Asset Transfer

Why Transfer

- Specialised capability
- Commercial viability limits
- Materiality, returns, competition

Funding Mechanism

- Borrowing, investor(s), cash
- Deferred payments

Decommissioning Liability

Intention of deal (success)

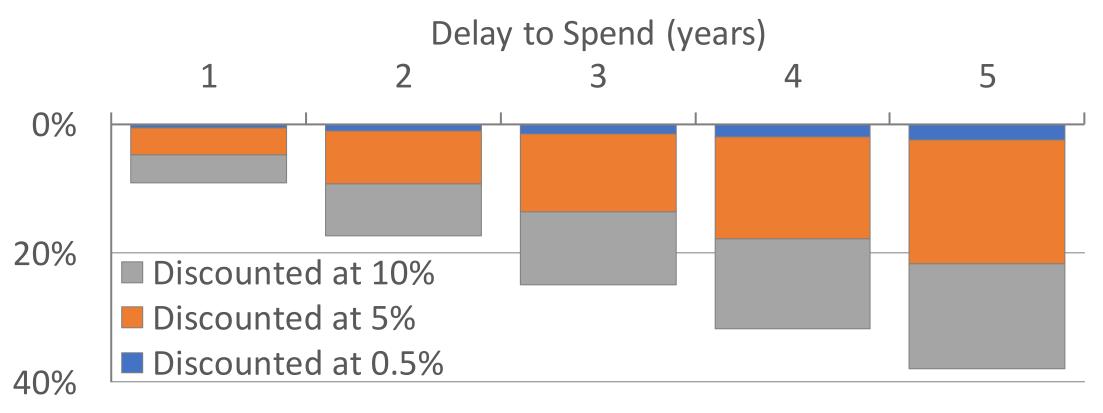
- No transfer of liability
- Partial/full transfer of liability
- Cap on retained liability

Risk management (default)

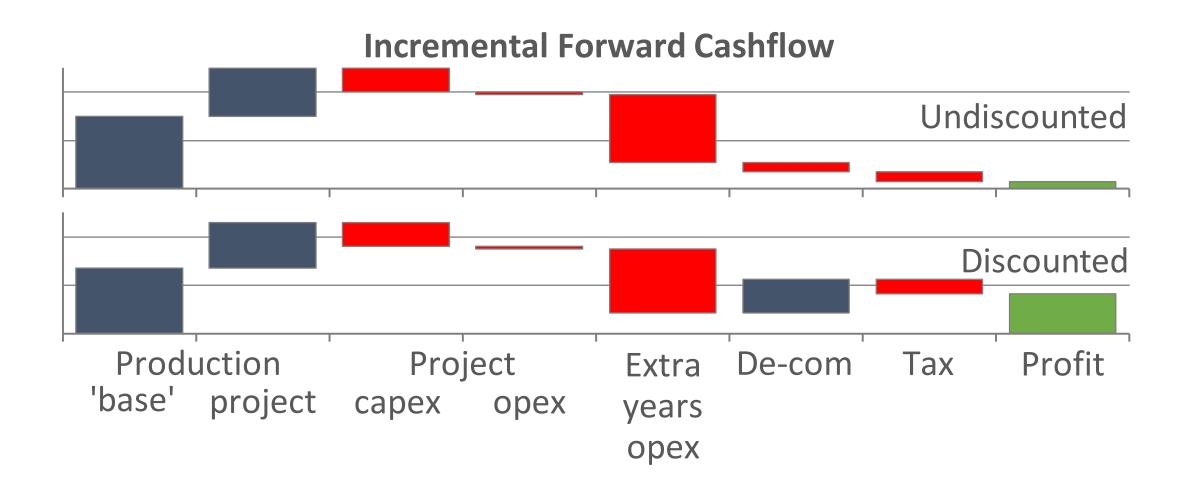
Security agreement

Discounting Decommissioning Cost

Reduction in Present Value of Decommissioning Cost



Contributors to Value



Government as Decommissioning Partner





Mature Asset Investments

	Pre-Development		Mature Asset	
	Invest	Discretionary commitment to fund project \$\$\$\$	Discretionary commitment to fund project \$	
Do Not	Invest	No financial commitment Evaluate other opportunities	Trigger Non-discretionary commitment to fund decommissioning	
Risk	Profile			

Summary

- Decommissioning integral to project lifecycle
- Use Economic Limit as a tool to inform cessation of production date
- Timely preparation to evaluate late-life strategies and test priorities

Government	Asset	Portfolio
Economic Activity	Commercial Return	Near-Term Cashflow
Tax and Royalty	Cost Estimates	Transfer Asset(s)
Recovery	(Discounted) Profit	Technical Resources



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