

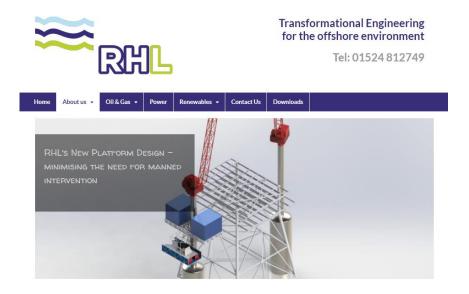
# A new approach for making CCS profitable, without subsidies

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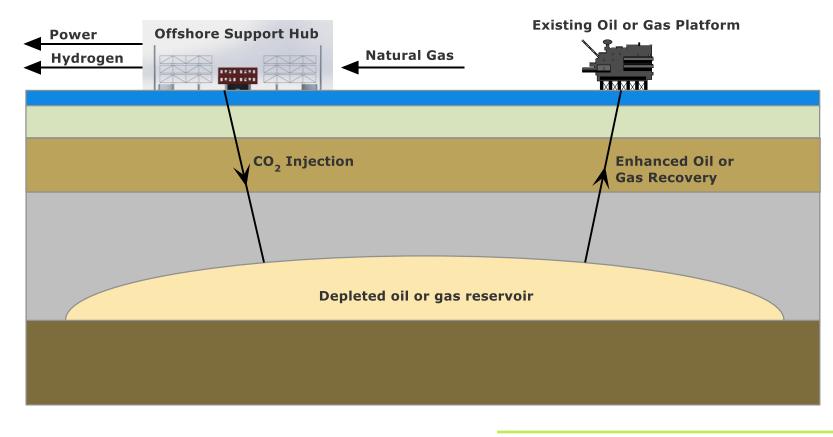
RHL is an engineering development company with several decades of invaluable experience in the Oil & Gas and Renewable Energy sectors. RHL was set up by Peter Haigh, a Chartered Engineer with a B.Sc. (Hons) in Civil Engineering from the University of Nottingham. Peter has 14 years' experience in the design of Offshore Structures and this experience was subsequently augmented by 22 years' experience in the operation of onshore and offshore oil & gas infrastructure.

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# Alternative CCS Approach

- RHL has developed an alternative CCS approach, utilizing pre-combustion, CO<sub>2</sub> capture technology. The facilities are located at an offshore CO<sub>2</sub> storage site and include H<sub>2</sub> production and power generation facilities.
- Initial studies show that this approach can reduce the CCS costs by over 50%, to deliver an economically attractive CCS Project.





# Why Offshore?

#### Onshore CCS

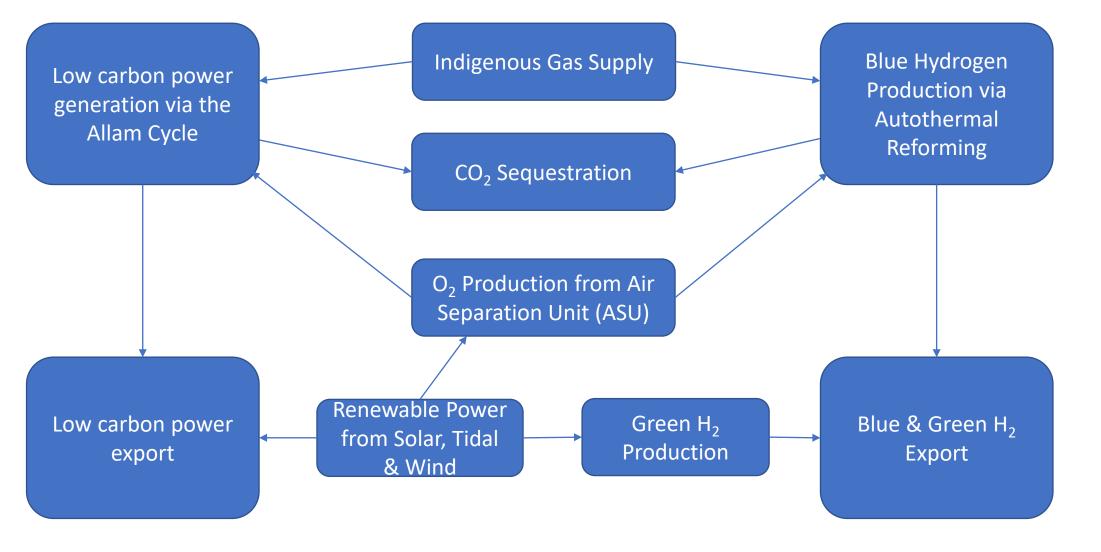
- Typical, UK based CCS Projects take the following approach:
  - Retrofitted, post combustion CO<sub>2</sub> capture with high energy input
  - Compression of the captured CO<sub>2</sub> to a super critical fluid, again with high energy input
  - Transportation of the fluid CO<sub>2</sub> to depleted oil or gas reservoirs via onshore & offshore pipelines
  - The CO<sub>2</sub> fluid is then re-gasified to allow efficient injection into the depleted reservoir
  - This approach results in high CAPEX & OPEX which usually delivers a sub-economic business case, without subsidies or high CO<sub>2</sub> taxes
- Previous experience shows that this approach delivers an unattractive business case.

#### Offshore CCS

- The alternative CCS approach, proposed by RHL, takes the following approach:
  - New, pre-combustion, CO2 capture technology with energy input from dedicated renewables
  - Minimal compression of the captured CO<sub>2</sub> to suit reservoir conditions, with low energy input
  - No requirement for onshore or offshore pipeline infrastructure
  - No requirement for re-gasification
  - Initial cost estimates show that these benefits can reduce the CCS costs by over 50%
- Financial modelling shows that this approach delivers an economically attractive CCS Project.

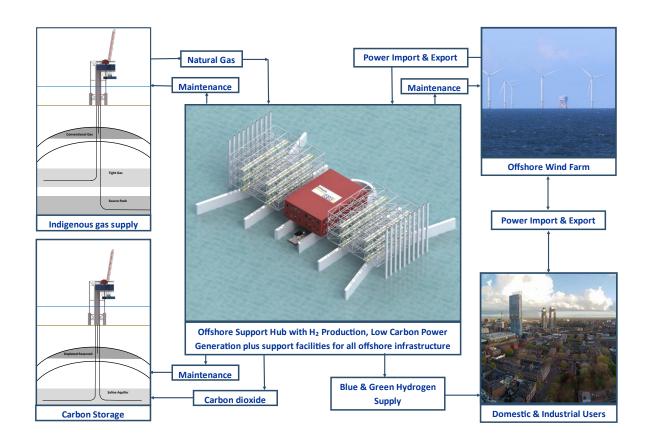


### Process Model





# Layout of the Offshore Facilities

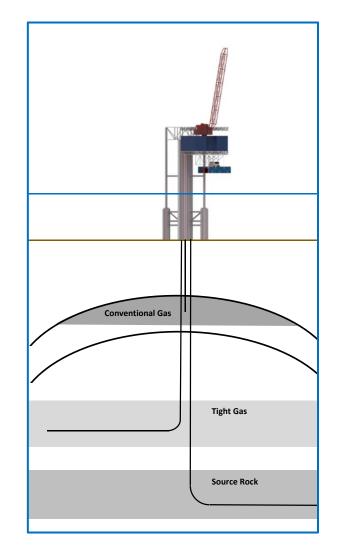


- The offshore hub foundation located above a depleted oil or gas reservoir
- Low carbon power generation and H<sub>2</sub> Production facilities are located on this structure
- Facilities are fed by an indigenous supply of natural gas, to deliver blue H<sub>2</sub> plus low carbon power.
- Facilities linked to offshore wind infrastructure for power export and green hydrogen production when the demand for power is low.
- Pre-combustion technology delivers CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, without further processing, for direct injection into the depleted oil or gas reservoir.
- OPEX is minimized by adopting a new operating model supported by a safe dock for all vessel operations.



# RHL's New Technologies

- RHL have three patents which underpin solutions for delivering this alternative approach.
- Offshore Platform (Patent No. GBEP 3140459) plus Access Solution (Patent No. UK 14731993.3) deliver a low-cost platform for natural gas recovery and  $CO_2$  injection wells.
- Offshore Platform supports a modular drill rig, with the potential to deliver well costs below £10 million per well.
- Estimated cost of offshore Platform with 16 well slots, in 30 metre water depth, is £20 million.
- Seawall Technology (Patent No. GB 2549530) provides a low-cost foundation structure for the offshore hub and dock infrastructure.
- Estimated cost for offshore hub foundation is £200 million, assuming a demonstration project producing 200,000 Nm<sup>3</sup> per hour of blue hydrogen and a 300 MW power generation unit. This cost replaces the land & groundwork costs for two onshore plants.





# Benefits of this CCS Approach

- Initial studies have shown that this CCS approach supports 4 business types which can deliver attractive revenues, without subsidies:
  - Natural Gas Production @ £0.35 per therm delivers an IRR of 45%
  - Hydrogen Production @ £2.50 per kg delivers an IRR of 40%
  - Power Generation @ £75 per MWh delivers an IRR of 18%
  - Carbon Storage @£30 per tonne of CO<sub>2</sub> delivers an IRR of 31%
- The OGA have shown that indigenous gas supplies have lower carbon intensity than imported gas supplies.
- The combination of power from the offshore hub, plus power from renewable sources, offers a low-cost alternative for the provision of base load operations.
- Currently, industrial users would need to deploy onshore carbon capture and transportation to become carbon neutral. The availability of reliable sources of H<sub>2</sub> and low carbon electricity, at competitive prices, offers these users a potentially lower cost alternative.



## Summary

- The work completed by RHL demonstrates that CCS is economically attractive, without subsidies, if an alternative approach is adopted.
- The availability of large volumes of affordable hydrogen will allow industrial users to develop processes which do not emit CO<sub>2.</sub>
- The technology required to deliver this approach is commercially available.
- With carbon prices projected to hit €100 per tonne: CCS approach developed by RHL offers offshore operators the opportunity to delay abandonment and become a key part of the solution to achieving net zero CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 2050.
- The UKCS offers many sites which could be suitable for the deployment of offshore CCS, these need to be developed before key infrastructure is decommissioned.

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