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North Sea Lessons for a Global Portfolio

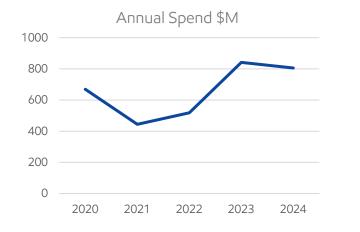
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ExxonMobil Decommissioning

Global Portfolio

- \$9.7G Asset Retirement Obligation
- \$800M annual spend comparable to 50% of total UKCS





Zafiro Producer, Equatorial Guinea, May 2023



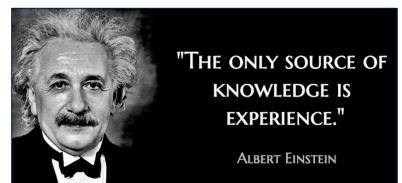
Sable Removal, Nova Scotia, June 2020

How Valuable Is Experience?



"Experience is a good school. But the fees are high"

- Heinrich Heine



- Owners teams and many Service Companies/Contractors usually executing their 1st Decommissioning Project
- Many teams disbanded after project completion and the value of experience is lost
- Few industry senior managers and leaders have any decommissioning planning, execution or field experience

ExxonMobil 30 years North Sea Operated Decom



Esso Odin, 1997



Mobil Camelot CB 2003 (1st re-use)



Sable Decommissioning 2020, 1st Trans Atlantic



Esso Jotun B 2020 (jacket removal record)

30 Years JV Partner (All Shapes and Sizes)



Brent Spar (Shell)



NW Hutton (BP)



Inde (Shell)



Victor, Jupiter (CoP/Harbour)







Curlew (Shell)

Brent (Shell)

Current Projects



Zafiro, Equatorial Guinea



Gippsland Basin, SE Australia



Gippsland Basin, SE Australia

Holly, US West Coast)



New Lessons Or Old?

Right Scope

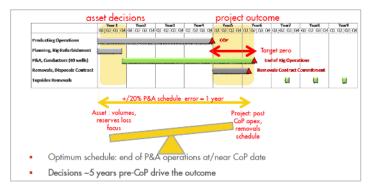
- Prioritise end of field life planning
- Regulator/Stakeholder engagement early enough to influence outcomes

Right Technology

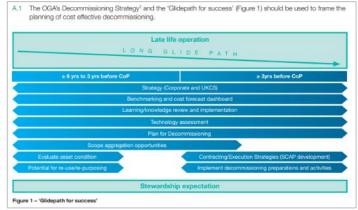
- Think big... justify investment to deliver step changes and avoid just in time, low cost "race to the bottom"
- Technology vision is easier than execution

Efficient Execution

- Value, plan, develop and maintain skills
- Be specific & deliberate; "campaigns", "learning curves" and "collaboration" aren't delivering



Brent Decomm, NPF Bergen, February 2013



NSTA "Glidepath for success"

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Facility Removal Step Change







How/Why?

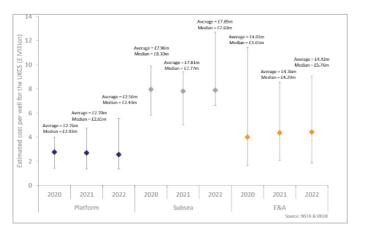
- Major Project mindset
- Skilled contractors
- Aligned incentives; Lump Sum

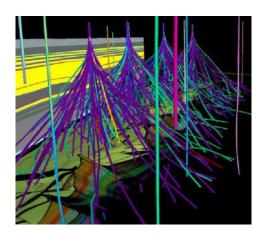
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P&A Largest Unrealized Opportunity



- Owner/Supply incentives misaligned
- Refurbished 1970's rigs
- Adapted drilling and workover
- Short term planning
- Too many non-specialists?
- Reliance on incremental improvement
- Are we preparing for subsea and deepwater P&A ?





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People

- What is the "Decommissioning Mindset" ?
- Is Decommissioning competitive ?
- What is "Collaboration" and what results have been delivered ?
- Are "campaigns" the solution ?
- "Technology" or "Execution" ?
- If nothing changes in terms of the way the people in the organisation think, behave or react then nothing has been learned



