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## Oil & Gas Authority

# An overview of the OGA: Key Priorities & Focus Areas

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## Areas to cover today



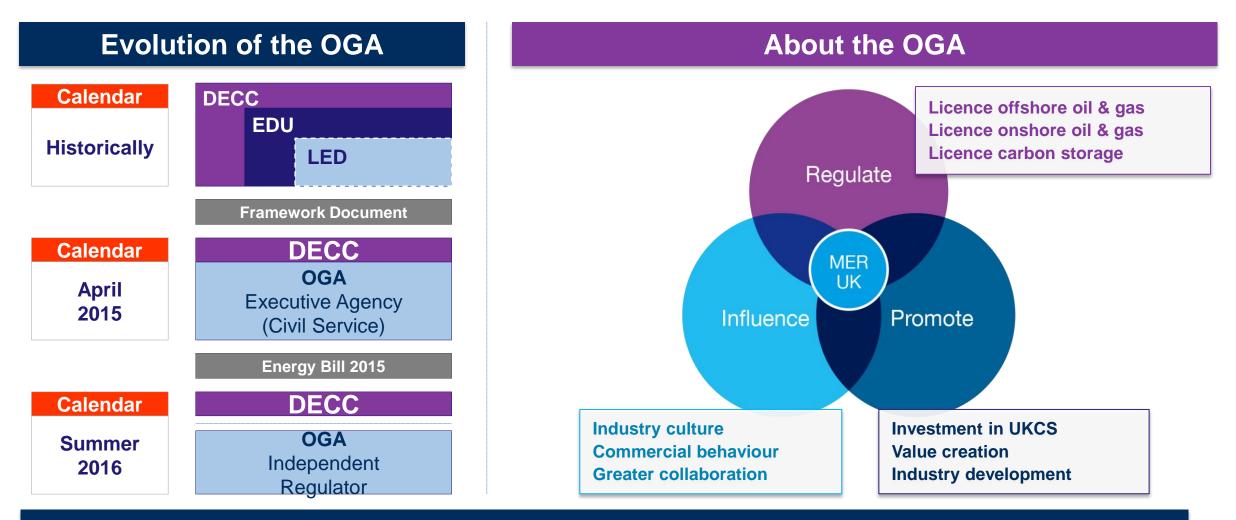




- Building the OGA
- UKCS context
- SNS context and priorities

**Building the OGA** 

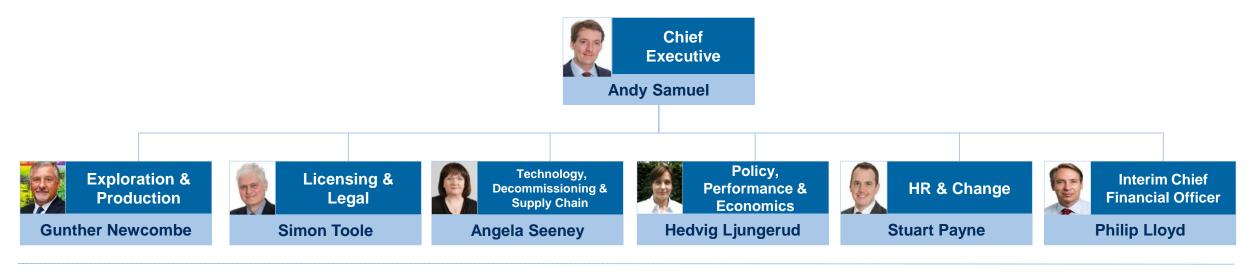




Low oil price environment creates difficulties and opportunities

## **Experienced leadership**





## Organisation

- Building on existing strengths
- Rapidly increased capability
- Remaining cost-conscious
- Headcount limit avoid 'mission creep'

## Governance

- Board formed
- Chair: Sir Patrick Brown
- Accountable to DECC

Secretary of State



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SNS Area Manager

**SNS Leadership** 

Bill Cattanach

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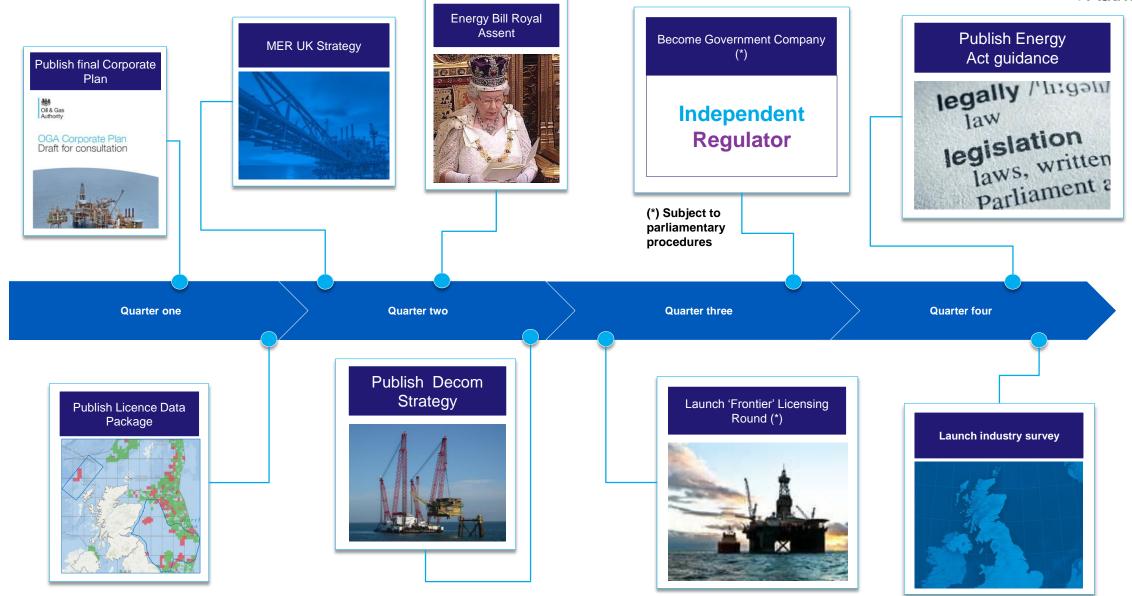


Head of Supply Chain

## **New organisation effective from 1 July 2015**

## **Progress in 2016**

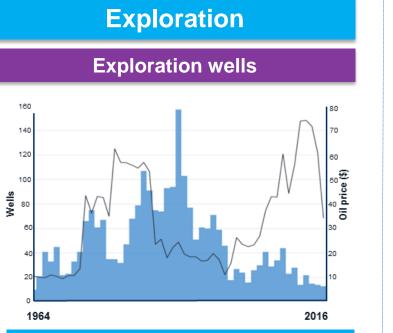
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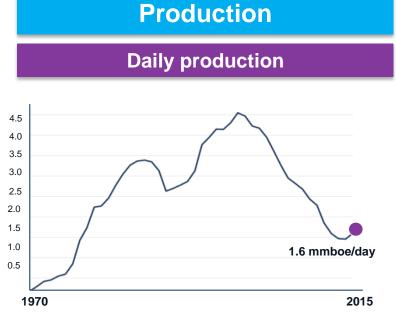
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**UKCS context** 





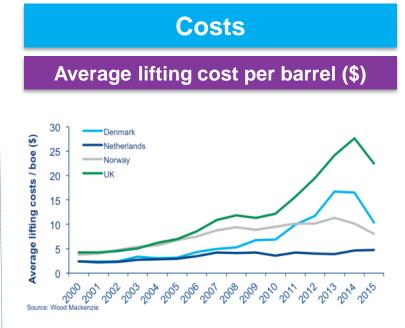
Notable progress in 2015 > 60% success with 150 mmboe discovered





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Up to 20bn boe remaining





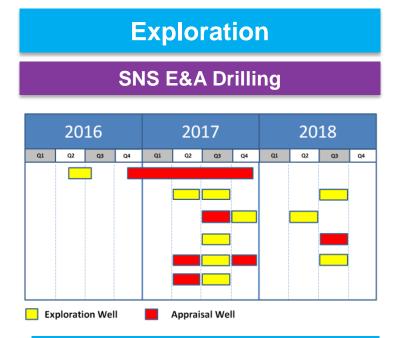
**Operating efficiency improvements** 

Sustainable transformation next

## Difficult environment with low oil price but turnaround evident

**SNS context** 

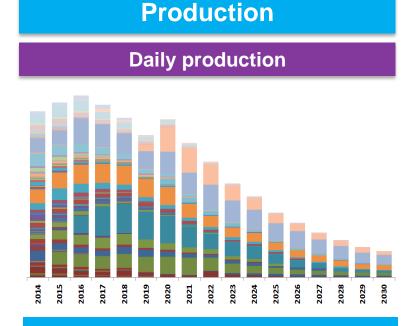




Increase in firm and contingent E&A well commitments in 2017



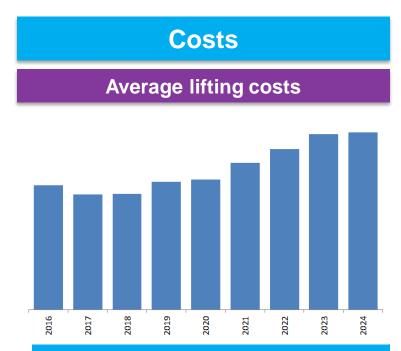
OGA monitoring & working closely with license holders



- Decline management balanced by further investment within SNS

\$1.4 bn sanctioned investment

\$2 bn unsanctioned investment



Significant effort to drive cost efficiency into operations



SNS remains a challenging environment at current gas prices

## OGA focus: promote new developments and marginal pools

## **SNS strategic priorities**

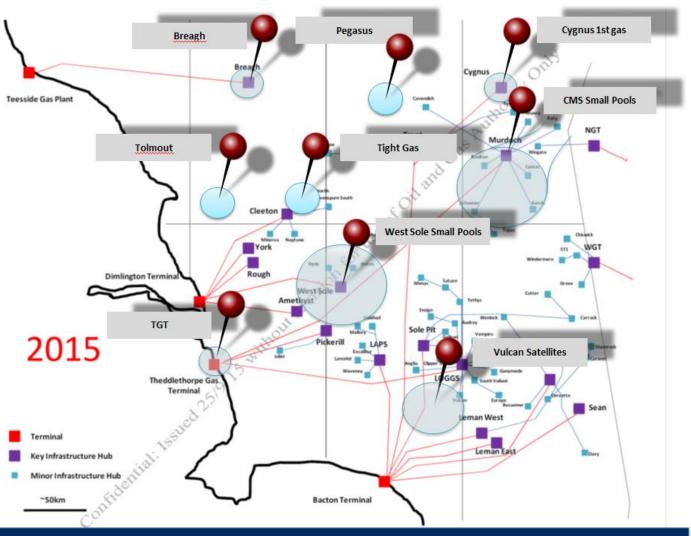


#### Significant potential remains

- 3.7 tcf remaining from current assets
- 2.9 tcf from further drilling in current fields
- 2.1 tcf discovered undeveloped new fields

#### **SNS** focus

- Promote exploration and appraisal activity
- Deliver major developments and projects
- Protect critical infrastructure
- Support marginal and small pool developments
- Tight gas collaboration across the basin
- SNS Energy Hub: GTW opportunities
- Efficient decommissioning



## Creating a future for the Southern North Sea

## **New developments**







#### Cygnus gas project

- Operated by Engie
- Sixth largest SNS gas field
- Largest SNS discovery in 25 years
- Sanctioned August 2012
- Will meet demand of c.1.5 million homes
- 80% contracts awarded to UK-based companies
- 4,000 direct and indirect jobs during construction
- 150 additional operational jobs

## Creating a future for the Southern North Sea

## SNS tight gas and small pools



#### **Tight gas**

- **3.7 tcf** tight gas opportunity
- Significant opportunity for collaboration
- Current drilling costs a barrier to development
- Technology levers

## Small pools

- 1.8 tcf small pool opportunity
- Promoted by industry; (Centrica and Enquest)
- Economies of scale through cluster development
- Consolidation and alignment of licences

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## **Creating alignment**



## Significant potential remains





#### **Working with EEEGR**

- Commitment and support
- Recognise excellent work
- Importance of energy sector
- Promoting the right behaviours



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#### **Unlocking potential**

- Leveraging cross industry opportunities
- Collaboration between operators & supply chain
- Business transformation
- Unlock future work projects

## **Cross industry opportunities**

## **Promoting the right behaviours**





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