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Management of Climate Change Adaptation in Oil & Gas Exploration and Production

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- Salient points in climate change
- Snap shot of climate changes and potential risks
- Investor expectations
- Approach to managing the risks
- Climate change adaptation due diligence in M&A
- Summary of key messages



Atmospheric CO2 and Sea Level Rise



Source: CSIRO / NOAA, 2013 / 2014

Previous long term average global rate accelerated from about 1.7mm/yr to 3.2mm/yr in past 20 years. Further acceleration expected in coming decades.

KEY MESSAGES: Global atmospheric CO2 concentration increase and climate change are continuing despite global mitigation efforts achieved to date. Some changes are expected to accelerate in the coming decades.

CO2 levels continue to increase despite global

efficiencies achieved to date.

installed carbon-free energy capacity and energy





Changing Trend in Climate Variability



Historical variability is shifting outside the 'normal' range that has been the basis for infrastructure planning and design.

'Climate departure' occurs when the lowest point of variability in the future exceeds the current highest point of variability.

The is significant for the design of future infrastructure, replacement or modification of existing infrastructure and longer term coping and adaptation measures / costs.

Source: Willows and Connell, 2003

KEY MESSAGE: Climate changes are shifting beyond the historical natural variability ranges that have been used as the basis of engineering specifications and the selection of asset locations.







Without CO2 mitigation: On average global temperatures will exceed historical norms as soon as 2047 and no later than 2069.

Dates are generally sooner in the tropics.

With rapid CO2 mitigation:

Projected dates shift out several decades.

Source: Research from University of Hawaii, 2013.

SOURCE: Nature. GRAPHIC: Gene Thorp - The Washington Post. Published Oct. 9, 2013.

KEY MESSAGES: The timing of specific climate change effects is critical for adaptation planning and business strategic planning. Some are reaching departure from historical variability sooner than previously projected.





Climate Changes / Potential Risks



KEY MESSAGES: There are multiple changes to the climate system that present potential material risks that need to be assessed for individual assets and operations. Changes are unfolding and need constant review.





Investor Expectations

- Increasing attention by major investors and investor groups on climate change risks
- Present emphasis on competing lower carbon energy systems, energy efficiency, GHG emissions and changes to policy and regulations - mitigation
- Expectations of greater disclosure of governance and business strategy to address the risks
- Expectations of flexibility in company strategies to adjust for future changes
- Same applies to physical climate changes climate change risks and adaptation measures





KEY MESSAGE: Investors are paying increasing attention to climate change risks to their portfolios and are expecting greater disclosure of how these risks are being managed.



Managing Climate Change Adaptation Risks

- Risk assessment (RA):
 - Integrate with strategic business plan
 - Asset life vs climate time frame
 - Vulnerability assessment
 - Similar to HSE RA methodology
 - Tiered approach
- Targeted modeling
- Economic analysis
 - Do nothing
 - Coping and adaptive costs
 - Cost benefit analysis
- Business case analysis



Source: Addressing Adaptation in the Oil and Gas Industry, IPIECA 2013



KEY MESSAGE: Adaptation can be managed using accepted risk management methodology and economic analysis. Close collaboration with strategic business planners will expedite the process and focus the effort.





CCA Due Diligence in M&A

- Due diligence focussed on physical climate change risks to the business should be art of the due diligence suite
- Risks should be assessed out to the expected asset life
 - Opportunities still in early feasibility stages may need projections to +2060
- Start this early in the M&A process
 - Climate change adaptation risks are likely to be less well documented than climate mitigation, regulatory and other environmental risks







KEY MESSAGES: Climate change adaptation risks should be part of the due diligence suite in M&A especially for long life assets and opportunities.





Summary of Key Messages

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2. Climate changes are shifting beyond the historical natural variability ranges that have been used as the basis of engineering specifications and the selection of asset locations.

3. The timing of specific climate change effects is critical for adaptation planning and business strategic planning. Some are reaching departure from historical variability sooner than previously projected.

4. There are multiple changes to the climate system that present potential material risks that need to be assessed for individual assets and operations. Changes are unfolding and need constant review.

5. Investors are paying increasing attention to climate change risks to their portfolios and are expecting greater disclosure of how these risks are being managed.

6. Adaptation can be managed using accepted risk management methodology and economic analysis. Close collaboration with strategic business planners will expedite the process and focus the effort.

7. Climate change adaptation risks should be part of the due diligence suite in M&A especially for long life assets and opportunities.







