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GWL Cluster Meeting
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Oudna field development - “Simple is Beautiful”

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It is uncommon for a technical team to be able to take a project from the development concept stage all the way through to abandonment, and to see first-hand the results of their interpretations. Long field lives and the movement of personnel usually means that those involved in the initial decisions are not around to see the eventual outcome of a project. Short field life gives this opportunity, and Oudna field is a such a case.

The Oudna field, offshore Tunisia, was discovered in 1978 and remained undeveloped for over a quarter of a century. Isolated from production infrastructure, with small in-place volume / estimates resources, it appeared destined to remain a small, undeveloped, marginal discovery.

In 2002, the discovery was acquired by Lundin Petroleum, as part of a larger deal involving assets in France, Netherlands, Venezuela, Indonesia as well as Tunisia. Following initial technical studies, and taking advantage of a unique commercial opportunity, Lundin Petroleum embarked on a fast-track development of the field via an FDP in 2005 to first production in 2006.

This account will show that the ability to act quickly, to gain support of the state, to make prudent technical decisions mitigating risk and to use (at the time) innovative engineering options, can lead to successful project execution and outcome.

The Speaker

Chris Wynn was a key member of Lundin Petroleum’s sub-surface team in Geneva from 2003 to 2012, and continues to consult for the new spin-off company, International Petroleum Corporation, on a part time basis. He joined Robertson Research from University in 1981, and worked in the sedimentology / reservoir geology section. Chris moved to then sister company ERC Energy Resource Consultants in 1990, and participated in a multitude of field/asset/company evaluations and valuations during a buoyant mergers and acquisitions period. Corporate take overs led to re-branding of this consultancy group as Simon Petroleum Technology and PGS Reservoir, but he remained technically focused, with particular emphasis on reservoir development projects, prior to his move to Switzerland.

Venue: It will be held at The Royal Cambrian Academy, Crown Lane, Conwy, LL32 8AN (located behind Plas Mawr) and will begin at 6:30pm promptly. Refreshments will be served from 6pm

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