



Date 24th June 2009
Location : Marcliffe Hotel, Aberdeen
Present:

John Arthur	Top-Hole Site Studies	Alasdair Maconochie	Technip
Peter Allan	GeoMarine	Richard Orren	Senergy
Nigel Carey	GEMS	Toby Powell	Senergy
Tim Carrington	Fugro Geoconsulting	Pat Power	Fugro Geoconsulting
Sarah Cashmore	RPS Energy	Jim Pyrah	CTC Marine
Mike Cowie	Subsea7	Oyvind Ruden	Shell
Mark Finch	Senergy	Richard Salisbury	Fugro Geoconsulting
Peter Larkin	Metoc	Thierry des-Vallieres	Total
Dave Long	British Geological Survey		

SUT – OSIG COMMITTEE MEETING; Minutes of Meeting

1	<p>Welcome, Introductions, Apologies</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from the following members: Paul Baggaley, Andy Barwise, Mick Cook, Karen Dalton (maternity leave – Sarah Cashmore deputised), Kevin Hampson, Rae Hobbs, Dei Huws, Richard Jardine, Julian Osborne, Robert Overy, John Powell, Dave Reed, Peter Taylor, Ian Wilson, Gareth Wood,</p> <p>PP opened and welcomed members to the meeting and ran through the Agenda.</p> <p>PP welcomed John Arthur as the newest full member to the committee apologised for not contacting him directly, before the meeting. PP also welcomed Associates; Nigel Carey, Tim Carrington and Sarah Cashmore.</p> <p>Safety Moment</p> <p>JP volunteered and gave the safety moment on Swine Flu. NHS Action List says the best policy is to blow your nose in a tissue and the discard it, wash hands and use alcohol (for hands!)</p> <p>PL volunteered to give the safety moment at next meeting.</p>	PL
2	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting, held on 25th March in London</p> <p>Minutes accepted by the committee as accurate.</p>	



<p>3</p>	<p>OSIG New Applications, Membership, Membership Issues and. New Applications</p> <p>No new applications for full membership have been received however, application for associate membership have been received from and been accepted by PP / TP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nigel Carey (GEMS) (Nom: Mike Baker) • Jean Roch Graulier (Senergy) (Nom: Richard Orren) <p>Membership Issues</p> <p>TP has developed contact lists for Full and Associate Members. TP will issue the lists to Full and Associate Members via email to avoid them getting into the public domain by posting them on the OSIG website.</p> <p>Members should inform TP of any changes to their contact details and the lists shall be updated and re-issued following each meeting (quarterly).</p> <p>TP to reissue Full Members password for OSIG website.</p>	<p>TP</p> <p>TP</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Review of Actions from Previous Meeting and 2009 Objectives</p> <p>Video Conferencing for Meetings</p> <p>Fugro can offer video conferencing facilities for future meetings. RS will look at video conferencing from Fugro's other offices, for the December meeting.</p> <p>2009 Short Courses</p> <p>AB still to circulate summary of short course comments</p> <p>Skills Shortage</p> <p>PP asked Fugro and Shell for updates on work surrounding the perceived 'Skills Shortage'. Both said no progress made and that it was a work in progress. PL had been updating an ongoing file on the subject, which now needs review and closing out. TdV said this was a Europe wide problem as well.</p> <p>The committee discussed the issue and acknowledged that perceived skills shortages may no longer be critical as the industry dynamics have changed in last year. Whilst companies still experience skills gaps, they no longer a problem recruiting people. The committee agreed that the whole issue for this industry sector could be incorporated into wider advertising for science and maths based subjects at school.</p> <p>RS said he had presented recently at a local school and the committee agreed this was a good way to advertise the industry by getting involved in schools rather than Universities. For similar presentations there is an SUT video / CD which is approximately 5 years old. The video is apparently very environmentally biased and maybe needs re balancing and therefore needs updating. PL is to contact IG and look into this. RO said the video should be added to the OSIG website.</p> <p>JA said Geological Soc. has a similar approach to advertising in schools. JA said he could have a big impact for OSIG in this area. PL to contact Ed Nicholson (Geol. Soc.) and try to close this out by getting involved with them.</p>	<p>RS</p> <p>AB</p> <p>PL</p> <p>PL</p>



<p>4 Cont.</p>	<p>JP said he had done a profile for Subsea UK and will forward this through. The committee agreed that member profiles would support the theory that careers can survive through industry cycles. PA said SUT very keen not to be perceived to be just an oil and Gas organisation and this would help.</p> <p>Action on All to provide job profile/day summary to demonstrate we can survive through a typical industry.</p> <p>TdV said OSIG should strengthen links with EAGE committee. JA will be link person OSIG / EAGE and will give a presentation on EAGE at the next OSIG committee meeting.</p> <p>Also, MRC to make IECO presentation at next committee.</p> <p>Top Hole Well Guidelines</p> <p>PT in lead although PP stated he would take over the lead. PT requested to circulate proposed list of contents by end of June.</p> <p>TP said that PT is working on contents and schedule for Top Hole Well Guidelines and he will give summary at tonight's GeoForum.</p> <p>OSIF have been promised a set of guidelines at their next meeting in November with a working Group of Tim Carrington/ Jean-Roch Graulier/ Robert Overy / Peter Taylor / Tor Inge / John Arthur.</p> <p>List of standard definitions issued to ISO committee (PT/PP/RH)</p> <p>Renewable Guidance Notes</p> <p>SC said feedback from Paul Baggaley had been received and the team had started looking at revising the guidelines. Revised guidelines should be ready for circulation by end of September.</p> <p>TP received emails from RH and AB offering assistance.</p> <p>PL said he will also assist, and the committee proposed that Tony Hodgson of Fugro also be involved.</p> <p>Pipeline Guidance Notes</p> <p>PA is leading the revision team but due to other SUT business no progress made, and no comments received from other committee members. RO said he has reviewed the report. Revised guidelines should be ready for circulation by end of December.</p> <p>Offers of assistance to revise this guidance note have been received from Neil Brown (Acergy) and RH.</p> <p>Subsea Structures Guidance Notes</p> <p>Team lead by MF/TP although no progress made to date. Revision is a work in progress. Revised guidelines should be ready for circulation by end of December.</p> <p>Again offers of assistance received from AB and RH.</p> <p>Geophysical Guideline Notes – OGP Document</p> <p>TdV / RS stated OGP held a meeting 2 weeks ago, although it did not go well due to video conference breakdown.</p>	<p>JP</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>JA</p> <p>MRC</p> <p>PT</p> <p>SC</p> <p>PL</p> <p>PA RO</p> <p>NB / RH</p> <p>MF/TP</p> <p>AB/RH</p>
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<p>4 Cont.</p>	<p>The guidelines are very different to the old UKOOA guidelines, much shorter and more concise. Brand new and very positive text received as first draft last week. Comments to OGP committee to be sent ASAP (next week). Their official review meeting in September.</p> <p>ISO Standards</p> <p>March / April this year individual chapters were collated into one document and the next deadline for complete document is early July.</p> <p>TdV asked what is the OSIG interest in these guidelines and how do we get involved? PP stated there should be direct input from committee members and will circulate the document to all members to bring the full experience of the committee to bear. Also, PP will contact Viggo Karlsen direct to discuss a formal OSIG review / input.</p> <p>TdV said he had been elected to lead the “Geophysical Seabed and Sub-seabed Survey and O/S geohazard Assessment” work group and that the ISO guidelines could influence how OSIG write their guidelines. A number of OSIG members on the committee to meet tomorrow at NGI in Oslo.</p> <p>OSIG Houston</p> <p>TP has circulated January minutes. PP/PT just received April meeting minutes and TP will circulate these to members as well.</p> <p>The committee welcomed the high level of participation by operators in Houston including BHP, Shell, Marathon, Chevron and BP.</p> <p>PP stated the Houston committee are trying to attract members from academia and are looking at academic bodies to liaise with. They are also looking at running short courses along the lines of the UK ones and TP stated they appear to have adopted and modified most of our practices for local content.</p> <p>TdV said we should look to strategically align the goals and objectives of the worldwide OSIG committees.</p> <p>MCO asked about OSIG Houston access to the website. TP to contact Earl Doyle and give him the passwords.</p> <p>OSIG Perth</p> <p>Ian Finnie has been in contact with PP and suggested there was a lot of interest with large number of very positive responses although no progress made. The committee should be underway in next couple of months.</p> <p>However, Tim Pugh suggested (via email to TP) that there wasn't too much interest</p> <p>PA has contacted Mark Randolph. Perth is interested but wants to do their own thing outside the SUT remit.</p> <p>OSIG KL</p> <p>PP has heard nothing further</p> <p>SUT North East England Branch</p> <p>JP and PA agreed that there was quite a lot going on, although the branch is in its early days. There is one technical seminar in the North East tonight and the target is four sessions per year.</p>	<p>TP</p> <p>TP</p>
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<p>5</p>	<p>Liaisons with Other Bodies</p> <p>TP summarised reports received on liaisons with other bodies and said they would be posted to the members section of the OSIG website.</p> <p>OES (www.oes.org.uk)</p> <p>Report received from RH</p> <p>Geological Society (www.geolsoc.org.uk)</p> <p>No report.</p> <p>IMCA (www.imca-int.com)</p> <p>No report.</p> <p>BGA (www.britishgeotech.org.uk / www.ice.org.uk)</p> <p>No report.</p> <p>ISO / API (www.api.org)</p> <p>Report received from RH</p> <p>ISSMGE (www.issmge.org)</p> <p>No report.</p> <p>Hydrographic Society (www.ths.org.uk)</p> <p>Report received from OR.</p> <p>OSIF (Offshore Soil Investigation Forum)</p> <p>No report.</p> <p>JNCC / PESGB (www.jncc.gov.uk / www.pesgb.org.uk)</p> <p>No report.</p> <p>UKOOA (www.ukooa.co.uk / www.oilandgasuk.co.uk)</p> <p>EPSRC</p> <p>No report.</p> <p>Drilling Organisations</p>	<p>TP</p>



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6	<p>Summary of Objectives for 2009</p> <p>Hold GeoForum in London (September)</p> <p>PL to summarise skills shortage status and develop strategy for future</p> <p>Develop new Geophysical site investigation guidelines, including English Heritage guidelines</p> <p>Review of new ISO standards for Marine Soil Investigations</p> <p>Develop top hole well engineering guidelines</p> <p>Update of existing Wind Farms OSIG Guidelines</p> <p>Update Pipelines & Subsea Guidelines if appropriate.</p> <p>Open a Perth branch of OSIG</p>	PL
7	<p>Upcoming events</p> <p>Ocean Business – Tuesday (31/03) to Thursday (02/04) next week at Southampton University. Full details on SUT website.</p> <p>BWEA Conference today and tomorrow in London.</p> <p>Oceanology (next year) – March 9th to 11th 2009. Seminar in Hydrography / Geology / Geotechnical, with PP in the chair. OSIG committee members volunteered to support PP include: PA / JP / MCO / JJO and AMA, and also Ruth Judd. Call for papers imminent with abstracts due by end of July. PP to circulate volunteers with further information and will try and reinvigorate the conference seminar.</p> <p>EAGE conference in Dublin 7 – 9th September.</p>	
8	<p>Date of the Next Meetings</p> <p>Committee agreed meeting dates for 2009:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 30th London (Venue – TBC) • December 9th Aberdeen (Venue – TBC) 	
9	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Presentation</p> <p>PP gave presentation on the recent Fugro pipeline route survey in the Mediterranean between Algeria and Italy including video of the French WWI Battleship ‘Danton’ wreck, discovered during the survey</p> <p>The route surveyed included 600 km of marine route in up to 3000 m water depth. .</p> <p>Loss of Survey Reports and Data</p> <p>RO raised issue of Super Majors selling fields to independents and survey data</p>	



	<p>being lost as fields get sold on.</p> <p>DL had an article (in commercial confidence) on relevant datasets. JA said Gardline had deleted / burned large amounts of data on client's prospects.</p> <p>The committee agreed digital data solves some storage issues, but data reading (file) types could be an issue. Also, the new OSIG guidelines should include recommendations for data retention during asset sell on as well as data retention.</p> <p>GeoForum</p> <p>Aberdeen one to be held tonight.</p> <p>London GeoForum to be held in September on Renewables issues. Provisional programme established with draft flier. Speakers include Steve Mulley (RPS), Eric Briant (Mentor) and David Cathie (Cathie and Associates).</p> <p>The event is to be sponsored by GEMS.</p> <p>Review of Industry Status</p> <p>TP asked the contractors present for their perceptions of the current industry status. JP said trenching contractors were quiet in GoM, but China very busy. AMA said Technip busy worldwide but North Sea was quiet.</p> <p>Fugro said they were busy and were very optimistic. GEMS said there was a shift in market more to cables, and that renewables projects currently presented a questionable client base.</p> <p>PA made the point that small operators still can't get credit and that as field lives were very short projects were being deferred.</p> <p>All of the contractors said they had been asked to cut their prices by the operators but could not reduce prices any further.</p> <p>RO said media sources have suggested the oil price is likely to spike, before climbing steadily again probably sometime next year.</p>	
<p>10</p>	<p>Minutes prepared by Toby Powell, 29th July 2009.</p>	