

Exploration asset

Handcross Prospect

Description

The Handcross prospect is a large stratigraphic trap at T36 Sand Palaeocene level. The prospect is located 15 km northwest of the large, producing Foinaven and Schiehallion fields and 2 km west of the Suilven field in the West of Shetland basin. The prospect also benefits from an electromagnetic survey acquired in 2007 with an anomaly coinciding with the anticipated trap limit.

Forward Work Programme

Work continues to ensure that the prospect is ready for an exploration well as early as 2009 or 2010. Valiant's licence on the block is subject to a commitment well which must be drilled by 2013.

Development Options

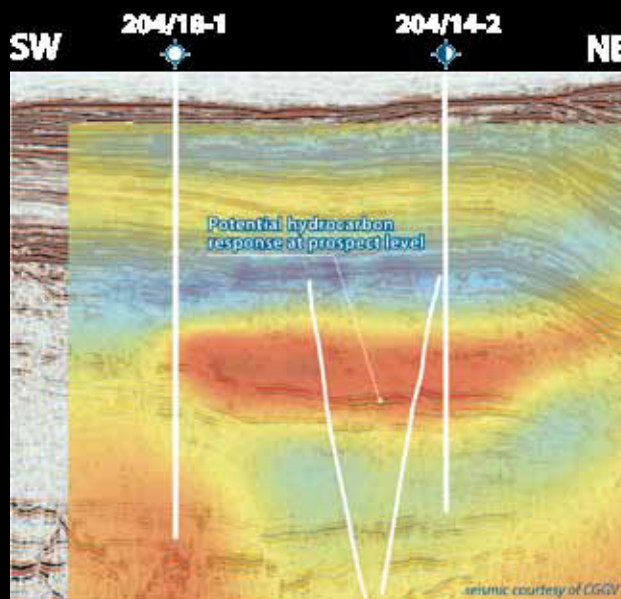
A successful exploration well on the prospect would be followed by further appraisal of the discovery in order to confirm the total recoverable reserves. Development options are similar to those currently employed on the nearby Foinaven field, entailing a subsea tie-back to a floating production storage and offloading vessel with first oil achievable as early as 2013.

Licence/Block
P1631 (204/18b)

P50 Resources (net)*
70 mmbbls

Equity Stake
50.000% (operator)

* Valiant internal estimates



Handcross Depth Section CGG permission