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## **Drilling Challenges of the Offshore Caspian**

The Caspian offshore Azerbaijan has experienced a continuous increase in activity over the last 7 years as foreign oil companies have established strong acreage positions in the offshore. Although the offshore offers world class opportunities, the drilling environment poses world class challenges. This talk presents an overview of the drilling challenges and approach taken by Chevron in operating it's first well on the Absheron PSA, presented in conjunction with PSA partners SOCAR and TotalFinaElf.