

FOCUS ON OIL INDUSTRY IN PAKISTAN

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The oil & gas Industry in Pakistan has reached a mature stage.

New exploration opportunities have been identified and milestones achieved. Exploration activities have moved to Frontier areas and Offshore plays. Various field development and production scenarios are being debated.

Different concepts related to prospectivity of the various basins have been developed and advanced technical exploration and development techniques have been applied. Hybrid petroleum policies, rules, concession agreements, fiscal, legal and pricing formulae have been introduced. These positive developments of-course have resulted in creating myriad issues, and have influenced the Oil & Gas companies as well as the Government.

Issues raised and currently under discussion are going to have far reaching impact on the oil & gas industry in general and also the country's economy in particular. Most important issues being debated are those of indigenous gas versus importation of gas, which provide a multi dimensional twist and concerns to domestic producers, as well as add political, strategic, economic and international considerations to the equation.

This paper evaluates these issues while focusing on the objectives to propose possible resolutions for achieving accelerated economic development in the future within the framework of existing Rules & Policies. It also briefly touches on a few conflicts and presents answers / options to resolve such variances.