

Summary of Recent Drilling History and Play Types in the Greater Deepwater Campeche Area, Southern Gulf of Mexico

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Abstract

A number of operators have drilled wells in and adjacent to the southern Gulf of Mexico's Campeche Salt Province since the awarding of licenses began in 2014. Although the license rounds are no longer being conducted and several of the international operators have pulled out, interest remains high as several wells have tested key geologic plays at multiple stratigraphic levels that hint at the continued possibility of significant resources being discovered in the region. Commercial success to date has been limited but drilling to date has documented the presence of good quality Paleogene and Neogene reservoirs and a working petroleum system. In this presentation we will provide a history of recent drilling activity in the Campeche Salt Province since the opening of the sector in 2014, address Cenozoic source-to-sink, and highlight some of the key well tests and discoveries that are setting the stage for future activity in the area.