



# Oil & Gas Technology Centre Launch

## Stakeholder quotes

### **Andy Samuel, Chief Executive, The Oil and Gas Authority**

We are delighted to see the Oil & Gas Technology Centre officially open its doors. Successful deployment of existing and new technologies will greatly help us achieve our objective of maximising economic recovery for the UK Continental Shelf, while strengthening the UK's position as a global leader, exporting oil and gas technology equipment and services.

We will continue working closely with the Centre on key technology themes and their deployment along with the creation of a national centre of excellence for mature oil and gas basins.

### **Deirdre Michie, Chief Executive, Oil & Gas UK**

As our industry focuses on maximising economic recovery from the UK Continental Shelf, technology must play a pivotal role in helping the sector improve its global competitiveness by tackling some key challenges that the industry continues to face. Oil & Gas UK very much welcomes the creation of the Oil & Gas Technology Centre and the opportunity to work with it in establishing a world-class centre of innovation and expertise.

### **Councillor Richard Thomson, Co-leader, Aberdeenshire Council**

The Aberdeen City Region's energy industry is securing a bright future, despite recent challenges, by retaining a forward-thinking outlook and using opportunities, such as the City Region Deal, to work together and anchor that vital industry here.

A key example of that collaborative working is the establishment of the Oil & Gas Technology Centre, which will assist us in maximising the opportunities the industry presents to the region. The Centre is an enviable asset for our region, and will ensure we remain an industry leader on a global scale, through new technologies, increased exports and high-value jobs, as well as enabling us to harvest the skills and technology that will lead the next generation.

### **Councillor Jenny Laing, Leader, Aberdeen City Council**

The Aberdeen City Region Deal has a vital role to play in the Regional Economic Strategy, which has a focus on internationalisation and diversification. The Oil and Gas Technology Centre will be integral to supporting those aims and it is a significant milestone for the city and for the region as a whole to be marking the official launch.

Aberdeen is already a city with a global profile, but it is recognised that we need to work hard and innovate to maintain and build on that. The centre will be essential in harnessing the knowledge and expertise we have and exploring new opportunities for diversifying. It will also be crucial in ensuring the oil and gas supply chain remains anchored in Aberdeen, something, which will remain the foundation of our regional economy.

Aberdeen City Council is enthusiastic about the impact the Oil & Gas Technology Centre will make and we are delighted, through the City Region Deal, to be working in partnership to drive innovation, which will support the ambitions for a vibrant future for businesses and residents.

**Professor Sir Ian Diamond, Principal, University of Aberdeen**

As a University at the forefront of research that is helping to drive innovation in the offshore energy sector, we are delighted to be playing a leading role along with our partners in the new Oil and Gas Technology Centre.

Our commitment to developing technologies that will maximise economic recovery in the North Sea and retain key skills in the north-east is underlined by the joint agreement to develop a Centre of Excellence, where we will work with our industrial and academic partners to harness our expertise in the key areas of Field Life Extension and Decommissioning.

This activity is testament to the hard work of those working together under the Aberdeen City Region Deal to develop a high-value innovation agenda for the region, and I am proud that the University is part of this effort that will benefit the north-east for decades to come.

**Professor Ferdinand Von Prondzynski, Principal, RGU**

I am delighted that RGU is able to support this vital initiative, which will help to secure the economic future of the North-East of Scotland. Securing higher levels of R&D in the region, alongside a strong cooperation between industry and the universities, is a key objective of RGU, and we believe that OGTC will make a vital contribution to this end.

**Ray Riddoch Managing Director and SVP Europe  
Nexen Petroleum U.K. Limited**

Nexen is excited about the launch of the new Oil and Gas Technology Centre. These types of centres, which focus on evolving and adopting technologies is critical for our industry and will be a game-changer for North Sea. The vital combination of funding, industry need and regulatory support marks a major step forward that will help secure the future sustainability of the basin.

**Elisabeth Proust, Managing Director, Total Exploration & Production UK**

In today's environment, the industry needs to adapt its approach, embrace breakthrough innovations in technology to deliver value.

Total as a technology driven operator is committed to innovation. We support outstanding skills and cutting-edge knowledge through strategic alliances with the world's leading academic and industrial research entities.

Our strong involvement with the Oil & Gas Technology Centre clearly demonstrates our trust in collaborative work within the industry. Our initial engagement has been on assets integrity, we look forward to hosting pilots and we intend to join other programs of the solution centers.

Pooling our efforts and resources in developing new technologies will trigger further cost reductions and enhance operational excellence. This will bring forward new economic projects and extend the fields life.

**Daniel More, Chief Technology Officer, Expro**

Technology is consistently highlighted as playing a critical role in unlocking the potential of the UKCS. With a rich heritage in innovation, the industry has consistently pushed the boundaries of exploration in increasingly challenging and complex environments. However there is still much to achieve if we are to maximise the remaining opportunities from this mature basin, from technology to extend field life through to plug and abandonment and eventual, decommissioning.

The Oil & Gas Technology Centre provides a focal point for technology development, supported by a clear strategy, investment and leadership board. The collaboration across industry, academia and partners will allow us to deliver on our technology challenges and drive forward the next generation of our industry.

Expro will be one of the many partners working alongside Oil & Gas Technology Centre to align our technology strategy and roadmaps, capitalising on this support. A closer working relationship with Centre will allow us to anchor our business in the UK, maintaining our engineering and technology 'centre of excellence' for the benefit of MER UK's strategy, while exporting our expertise globally.

**Howard Woodcock, Chief Executive, Bibby Offshore**

Innovation is a core value of Bibby offshore and will drive our industry to achieve maximum economic recovery. We will all benefit from access to new ideas, ways of working and new technologies so the oil and gas technology centre has a vital role to play in the future of the UKCS and our industry in general.

**Paul Goodfellow, Upstream Director UK & Ireland, Shell**

Technology has been fundamental to the development of the UK Continental Shelf (UKCS) – from the development of ground-breaking fields, such as Brent, which marked 40 years of production last year, to more recent subsea and HP-HT developments – technology has been at the heart of the UK industry.

As we look to maximise economic recovery we know we will need further innovation in the technologies the industry relies on today. The Oil & Gas Technology Centre is an important vehicle for bringing focus to the collaboration and innovation that will be key to the development of the practical technologies essential to the future of the UKCS.

**Stuart Broadley, Chief Executive Officer, Energy Industries Council**

In discussions with EIC members, it is clear that applying existing and new technology to solve customers' current problems is a critical requirement, and also a huge opportunity for UK suppliers in the global O&G arena – and the new OGTC provides a much needed and very professional hub for these innovations. I heartily look forward to working with Colette and her team.

**Graham Hollis, Office Senior Partner at Deloitte in Aberdeen**

The launch of the Oil and Gas Technology Centre should not be underestimated and its potential long-term significance to the industry, and the country, is huge. Innovation and technology are crucial to the next chapter of oil-producing regions around the world and this centre should ensure that we harness Aberdeen's existing expertise, while also nurturing and attracting the talent required to transform the industry. It's particularly positive to see so many organisations from across the public and private sectors working together in collaboration, to the benefit of the entire industry and the wider economy.

**Mark Thomas, Regional President, BP North Sea**

As we work to maximise economic recovery and extend the productive life of the North Sea basin, innovation, genuine collaboration and effective deployment of technology will be key.

The Oil & Gas Technology Centre, working in partnership with the Technology Leadership Board and existing solution finders such as the Industry Technology Facilitator, has the opportunity to make a real difference.

If the collective capability of the industry and academia can be successfully channelled, I believe the North Sea can be competitive for many years yet and Aberdeen can become a truly global centre of oil and gas technology excellence.

**Andy Hessell, Managing Director, CATS Management Limited**

The Oil & Gas Technology Centre is well placed to help focus the efforts of the industry, regulators, universities and government in the development and deployment of technologies that will address many of the challenges facing a mature basin like the UKCS.

At this critical stage in the North Sea's lifecycle, technology and innovation is now more important than ever – it is key to maximising economic recovery, and ensuring that assets such as the Central Area Transmission System (CATS) and our connected hubs can continue to operate safely and efficiently for many years to come.

We have a strong heritage of innovation in the North East of which we should be extremely proud. The OGTC's efforts to harness that expertise, knowledge and experience to deliver solutions that will reduce costs, improve efficiency and extend the life of the North Sea could prove to be a transformational moment for the UKCS.

**Terry Savage, Corporate Relationship Director, Global Energy Group**

I believe the formation of the Oil & Gas Technology Centre will prove to be a major factor in anchoring a truly global supply chain in Aberdeen. The industry is leading the world in tackling costs and efficiencies and with that is the need to have a radical approach to looking at doing things differently.

The Centre will provide that platform to challenge the norm and bring forward new technologies and working practices, that will not only benefit the UKCS but will be exportable worldwide. It is up to the industry to embrace this opportunity and work with the Centre to realise the full potential, often seen sectors that have 'embraced change'.

**Derek Leith, Partner, EY**

As the oil and gas industry starts to show signs of recovery and forge its future in the new oil price environment, support is needed to secure the long-term viability of the sector in the UK and North East of Scotland in particular.

The launch of the Oil & Gas Technology Centre signals the start of a transition for Aberdeen and the North East from an operational centre to a hub of internationally renowned research and innovation.

A vision of a vibrant North East leading in global energy supply irrespective of UKCS activity levels is one we all need to get behind. I look forward to EY continuing to support this vision as it develops and gathers momentum.

**Morten Kelstrup, Managing Director, Maersk Oil UK**

In many ways the story of the UKCS is one of technology continually challenging what was previously thought possible. The Oil & Gas Technology Centre will help the UK North Sea to continue this story and contribute to a strong future.

**Terri King, UK President, ConocoPhillips**

I congratulate Colette and her team on today's opening of the Oil and Gas Technology Centre. Implementing emerging technologies has enabled ConocoPhillips to realise improvements in subsurface characterisation, asset integrity, drilling, and decommissioning activities.

**Roger Esson, Chief Executive, Decom North Sea**

As a single-topic, multi-region membership organisation. Decom North Sea is focused on late life asset management to maximise recovery and decommissioning at the appropriate time.

We aim to enhance knowledge transfer, facilitate co-operative activities that can deliver game changing solutions and minimise decommissioning costs, ensuring best value for tax payers and maximising business potential for our global membership.

We are delighted to support the Oil & Gas Technology Centre and help facilitate the networking and subsequent relationships that take field life extension and decommissioning activity, including technology research and development, to the next level.

**Greta Lydecker, Managing Director, Chevron North Sea Limited**

Chevron congratulates the Oil & Gas Technology Centre on its launch. Chevron has operated a global technology centre in Aberdeen since 2006 and generated significant global business value through UK-based skills and technology development. We look forward to the Centre working with industry partners in finding new ways to deliver business value from technology, such as improving asset integrity and operational performance, and maximising economic recovery from the North Sea.

**Professor Gary McEwan, Chief Executive, Elevator**

Creative economies will envision and deliver transformational projects. The new Oil & Gas Technology Centre promises to be our most impactful step in North East for decades. To compliment those technology innovators emerging from Centre's work, Elevator will support, educate add the business and entrepreneurial skills that deliver scalable global success stories.

The new Oil & Gas Technology Centre promises to be a truly impactful step in developing the North East economy. However, innovative ideas are not enough, we want to create world-class businesses from that innovation. To compliment the technology innovators emerging from Centre's work, Elevator will support the entrepreneurial activity that will underpin global success stories.

**Neil McCulloch, Chief Operating Officer, EnQuest**

The UKCS is ripe with opportunity but to harvest it we must harness present and future technology, which makes the remaining undeveloped and undiscovered resources increasingly investible.

The Oil & Gas Technology Centre brings an unprecedented opportunity to accelerate qualified technology into the oilfield helping to develop indigenous hydrocarbon resources as well as indigenous companies and talent which will help keep the UK and the North East of Scotland as a key supplier to the oil and gas industry throughout the world."

**Jennifer Crow, Chief Executive of Opportunity North East**

The Oil & Gas Technology Centre is a transformational project for the UKCS and for this region. It is the mechanism that will deliver the technology innovations to ensure that we fully realise the benefits of our mature offshore industry. Moving Aberdeen from an operations centre to a globally-recognised leader in mature basin technology will also help to anchor our supply chain here.

The significance of this project is recognised via the £180m of UK and Scottish Government funding. ONE is proud to have played a key role in securing the funding through the City Region Deal and it is a critical element of the groundwork to ensure that we realise the economic renaissance vision for North East Scotland in the medium to long term. We look forward to our continued links with the Centre and the real contribution its activity will make.