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# **OUTLINE**



Mandate, vision and mission and the role of PASA



History and current situation



Offshore exploration activities



Onshore exploration activities



Way forward and conclusions





## MANDATE

Mineral and
Petroleum Resources
Development Act
(2002)



## **VISION**

A viable, sustainable and responsible upstream industry in South Africa.



# **MISSION**

To promote,
facilitate and
regulate exploration
and sustainable
development of oil
and gas in South
Africa.



#### **REGULATORY FRAMEWORK: Role of PASA**

**Promotion** and **Adding Value** to G&G Data

## **Chapter 6 of the MPRDA**

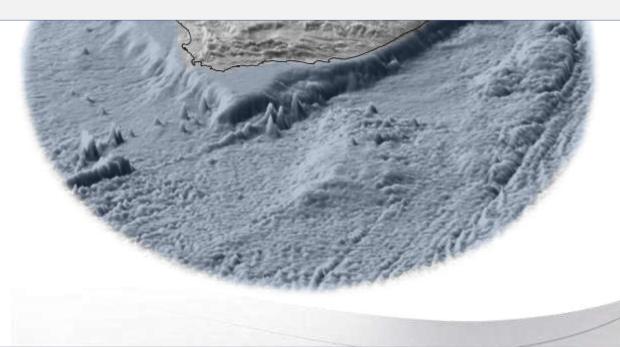
**Regulation** of oil and gas exploration and production

**Archiving** all Petroleum Related data

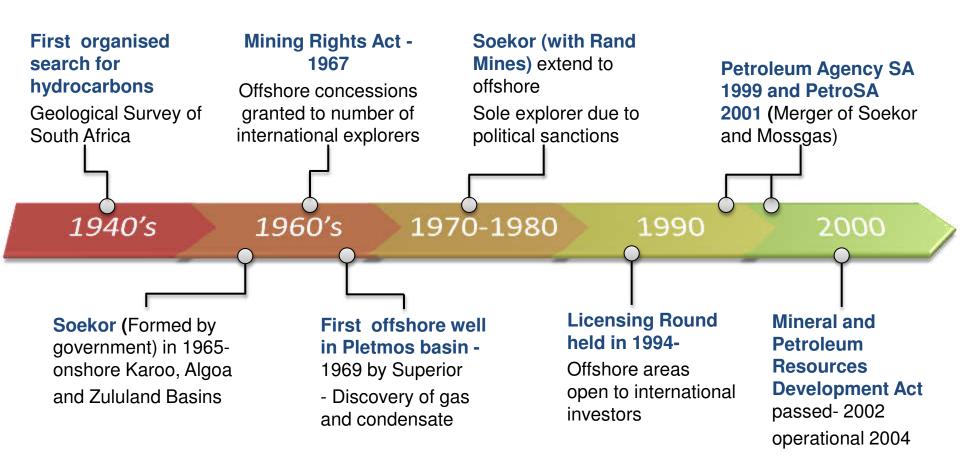




# HISTORY OF OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION AND CURRENT STATUS



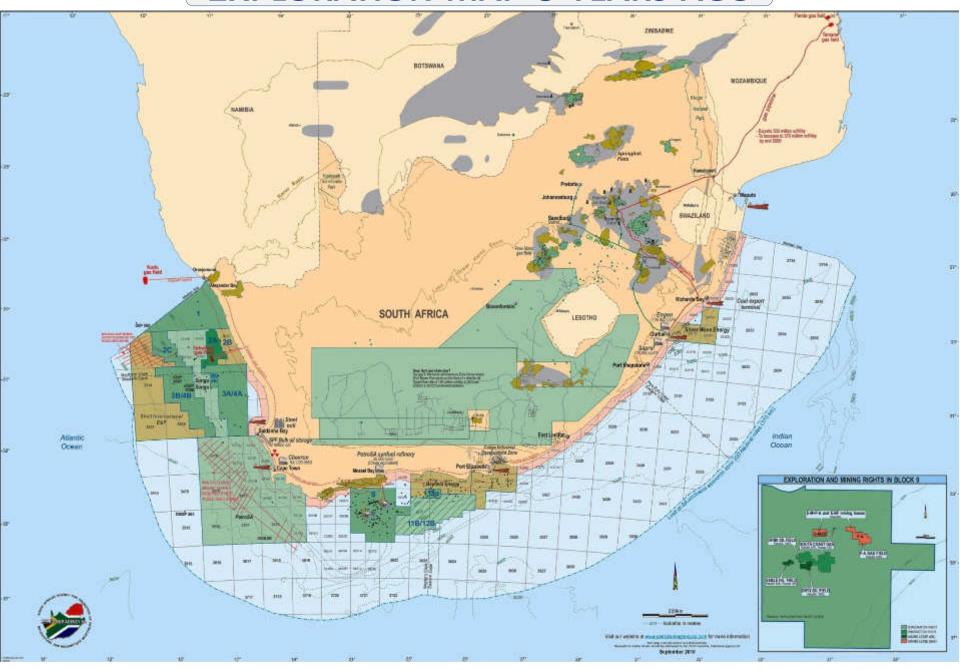
#### HISTORY OF EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION IN SA



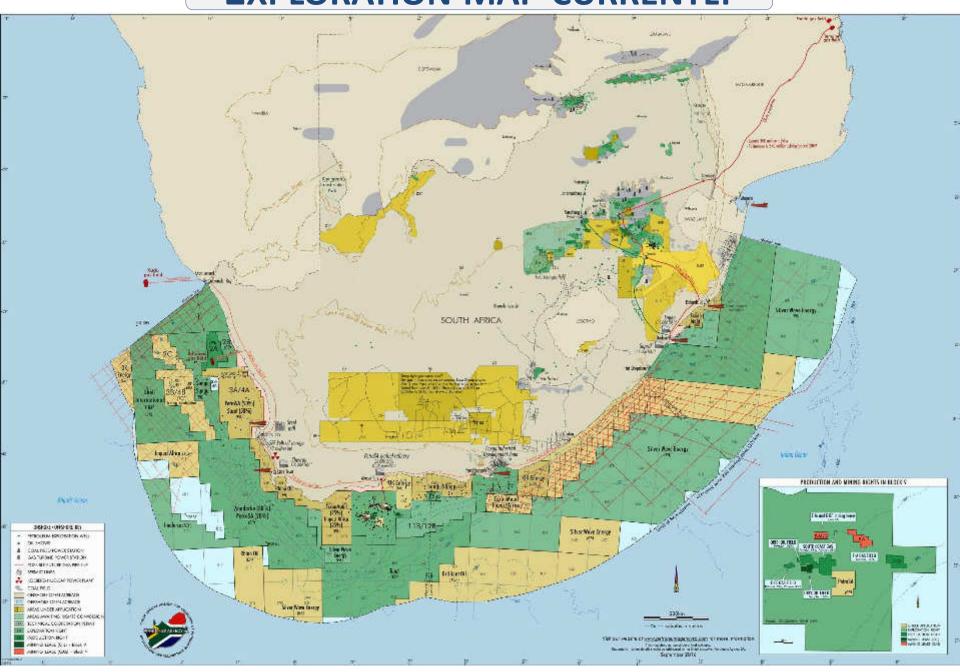
Exploration drilling was most active from 1981 to 1991 during which some 181 exploration wells were drilled. The Bredasdorp Basin has been the focus of most seismic and drilling activity since 1980.



### **EXPLORATION MAP 6 YEARS AGO**



#### **EXPLORATION MAP CURRENTLY**





## ExonMobil





































Vibrant Veterans





















Petroleum Corporation







CONSTRAINTS ON INVESTMENT - WILL EXPLORERS LEAVE?

Extended dramatic slump in oil price

Uncertainty - amendments to MPRDA

Hydraulic fracturing – environmental concerns Is ultra-deep water viable exploration under these circumstances?

BHPBilliton relinquished their block – will others follow?

New entrants

– West Coast

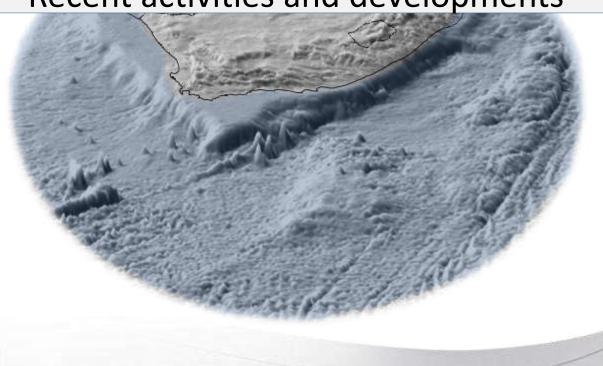
New applications over BHPB block



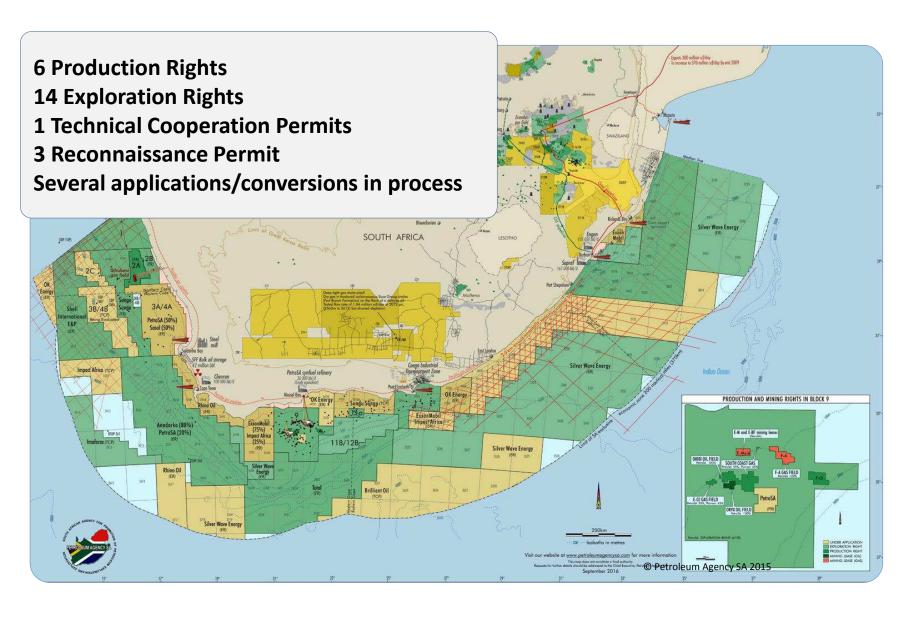


#### **CONVENTIONAL RESOURCES: OFFSHORE**

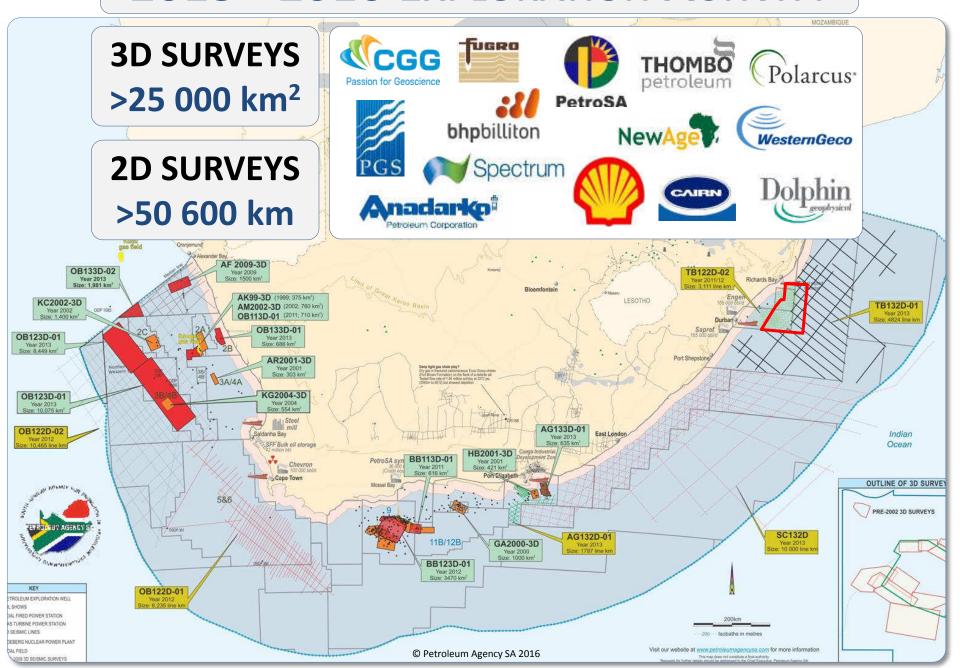
Recent activities and developments

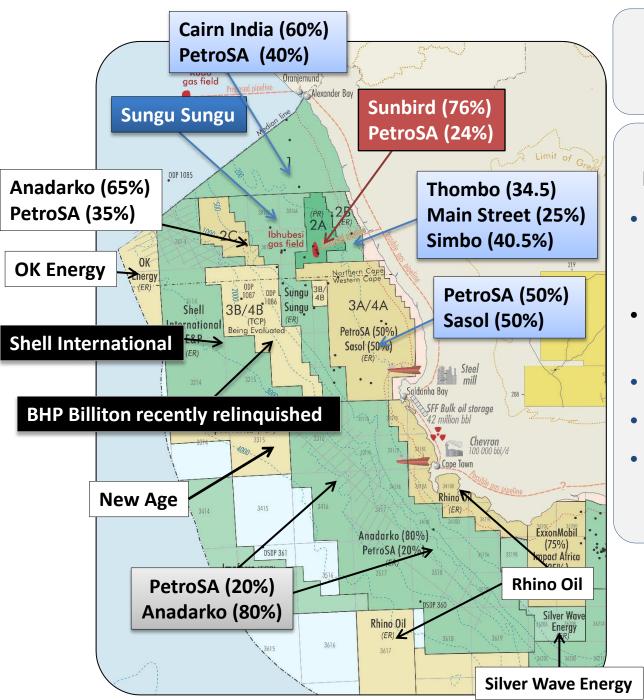


### **CURRENT OFFSHORE ACTIVITY**



## 2013 - 2016 EXPLORATION ACTIVITY



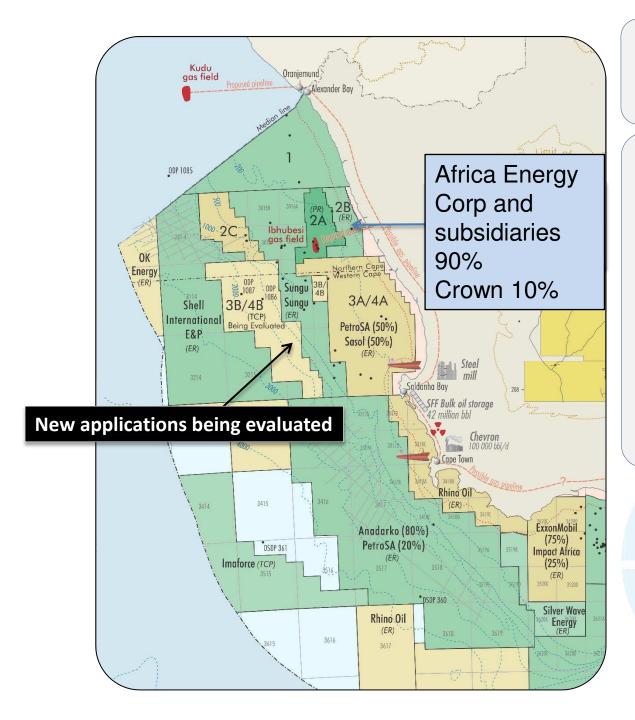


#### **WEST COAST**

#### Rights and major operators

- Shallow-water Cairn India, PetroSA, Thombo, Simbo, High Street, Sasol
- Sunbird Production right around Ibhubesi
- Mid-Basin Sungu Sungu
- Deep-water Shell
- Southern basin Anadarko and PetroSA





### **WEST COAST**

#### **Recent changes**

- AEC takes over block 2B
- BHPBilliton relinquish deep water block, but Agency immediately received new TCP applications



#### **IBHUBESI GAS PROJECT**



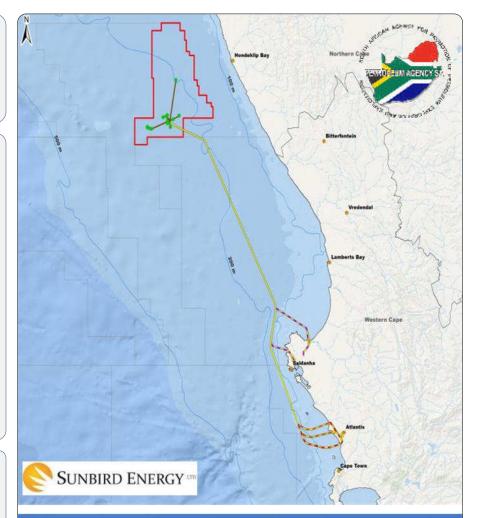


#### **License Summary:**

- Production right (Sunbird & PetroSA)
- ±5 000 km² in extent, 60 km offshore
- Water depth 200m 250m
- ±400 km north of Cape Town
- Largest undeveloped field (540 Bcf proven 2P reserves
- 11 wells drilled, 7 gas discoveries
- Covers ±1770 km<sup>2</sup> 3D and multiple 2D seismic data

#### **Ankerlig:**

- Currently operating on diesel (expensive and inefficient)
- Ankerlig to be converted from diesel to gas operated via the IGP – currently underway
- MOU and GSA term sheet signed between Sunbird and Eskom – investigate the feasibility to supply gas from Ibhubesi





#### SUNBIRD ENERGY " IGF Island Point 400km pipeline 100 Km Saldanha Onshore receiving station Atlantis Ankerlig conversion1300 mW turbine power plant Cape Town X



Floating Production Storage Offload Vessel (FPSO)



Semi-submersible Production Platform

#### **IGP DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

#### The plan:

- Sales and delivery point at Ankerlig
- First gas deliveries 2019
- 2P reserves → ± 15 year Production Period
- Additional line into Saldanha for power generation and industrial supply

#### The concept:

- Production drilling Initial 7 wells plus further 7 wells in phase 2
- Subsea Infrastructure
- Offshore Processing Facility
- Export Pipeline 400 km offshore and 15 km onshore
- Small onshore gas receiving and metering station

#### Offshore production facility:



Two options considered for the Production Facility



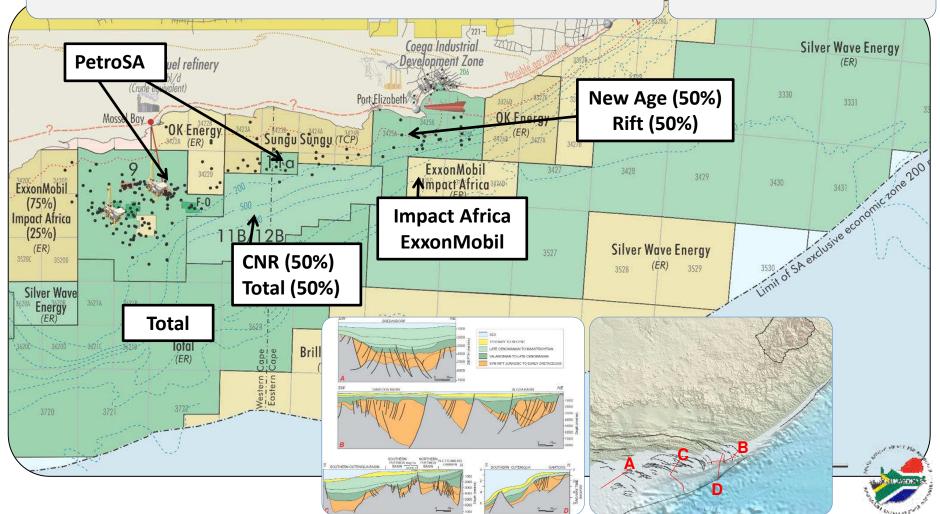
#### **GREATER OUTENIQUA BASIN**

# Bredasdorp, Pletmos, Gamtoos, Algoa and Southern Outeniqua sub-basins

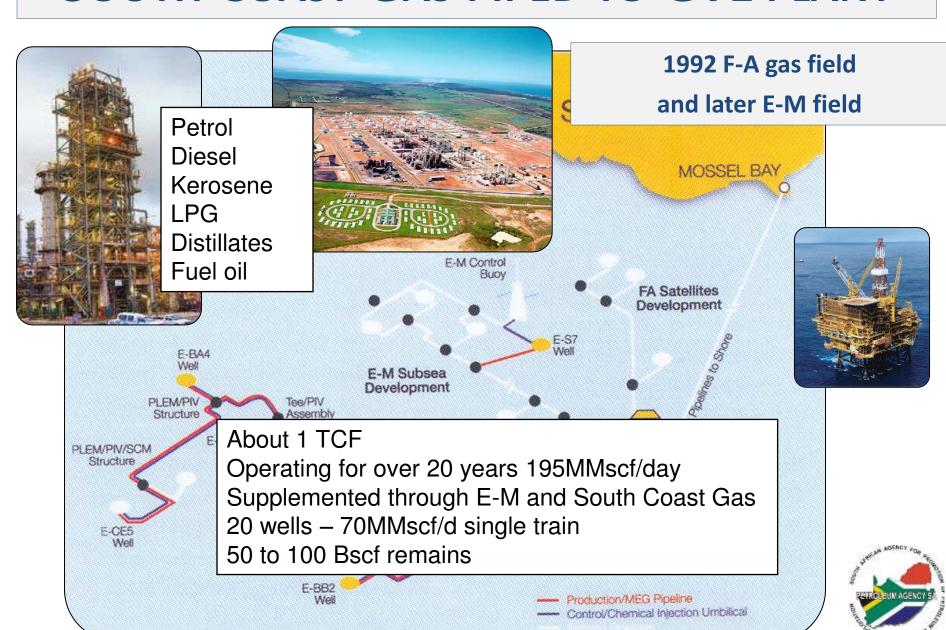
PetroSA, NewAge with Rift Petroleum, ExxonMobil with Impact, Sungu Sungu and OK Energy in shallower waters.

Total, CNR, Silverwave and Brilliant Oil in the deep water

# South Coast



## SOUTH COAST GAS PIPED TO GTL PLANT



## SOUTH COAST OIL PRODUCTION

1997 - Oribi field

2000 - Oryx field

Sable oil field: 2003 - 2008

25 000 to 28 000 bbl/d 25 million bbl reserves

Original partners in Sable:

PetroSA 55 %

Pioneer 45 %

Now producing gas







### SOUTH COAST DEEPWATER DRILLING



Total's Brulpadda-1AX well in Block 11B/12B was spudded on 21 July 2014

The well was drilled to 1835m (~500m below mud line)

Suspended on 27 September
Work programme renegotiated to continue drilling in 2016/17















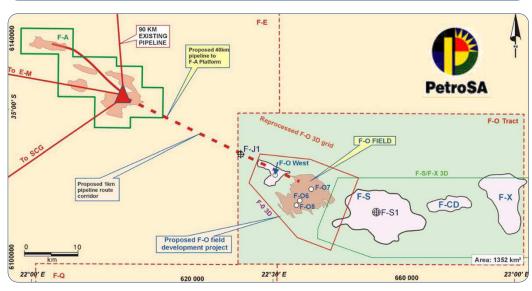




# Block 9 – PetroSA F-O gas field **Project Ikhwezi**

110km offshore, 40 km SE of F-A

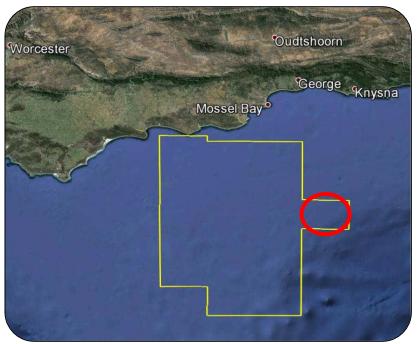
4 wells drilled, 3 tied back and producing to feed GTL plant



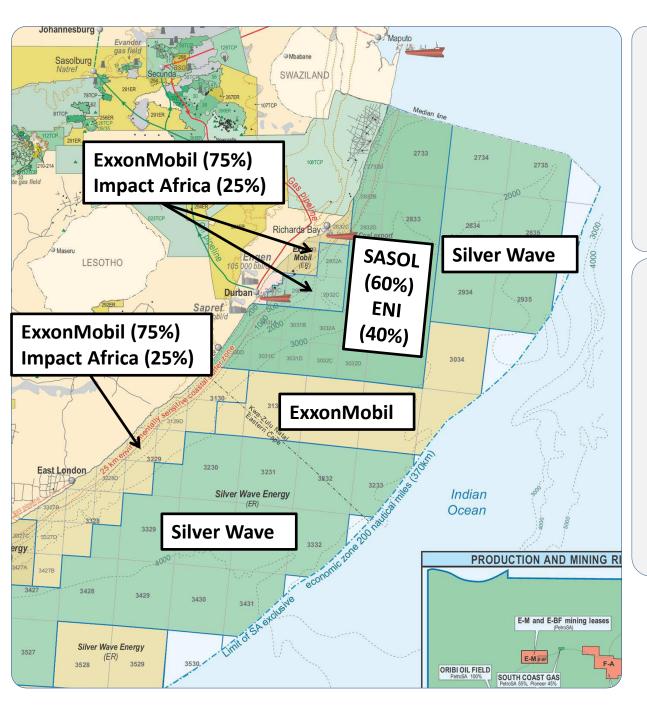
## SOUTH COAST

#### F-O Gas Field

Produced 26Bscf to date – remaining possible from wells 30Bscf
P50 800Bscf GIIP







# EAST COAST

# Rights and major operators

#### Shallower water -

ExxonMobil and Impact - 2
ERs

Sasol and ENI – ER in deep water

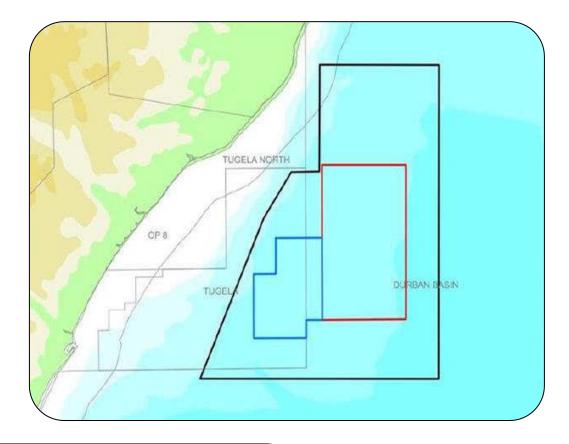
Silver Wave and ExxonMobil in the ultra deep water



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- Schlumberger multi-client 3D survey completed
- mostly over the Eni-Sasol and ExxonMobil blocks
- 4000 km<sup>2</sup>
- 800 to 2500m depths
- February 2016
- August 2016

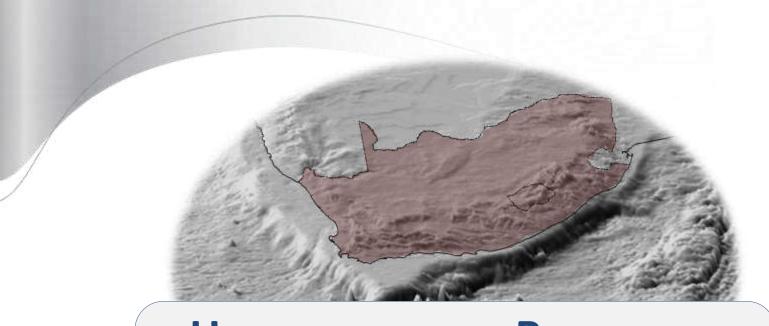






**WG Magellan** 



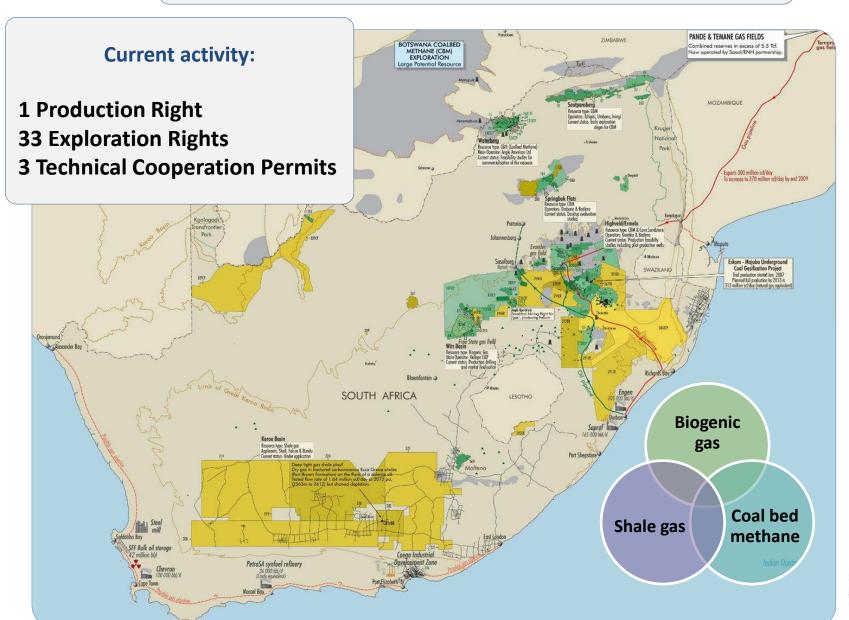


# UNCONVENTIONAL RESOURCES: ONSHORE

Recent activities and developments



## **CURRENT ONSHORE ACTIVITY**

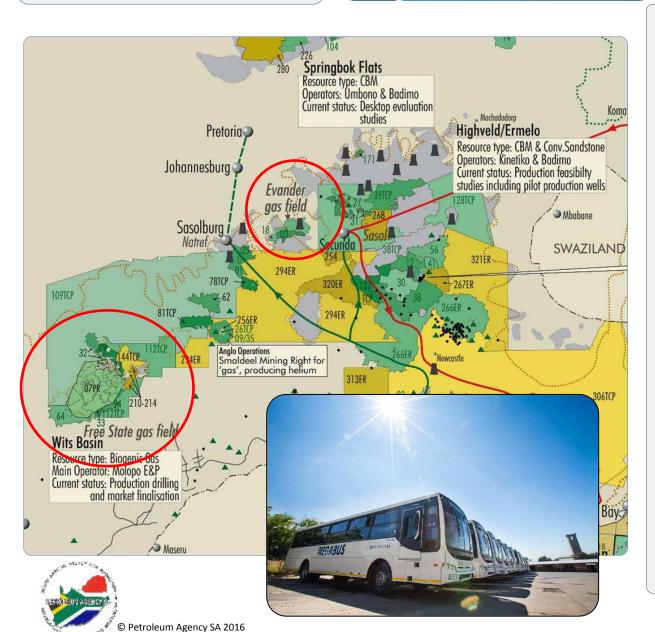


#### **BIOGENIC GAS**





#### **TETRA4**



Biogenic gas exploitation –
Renergen's **TETRA4**Compressed natural gas used
to power Megabus local
service

First onshore natural gas

Production Right awarded in

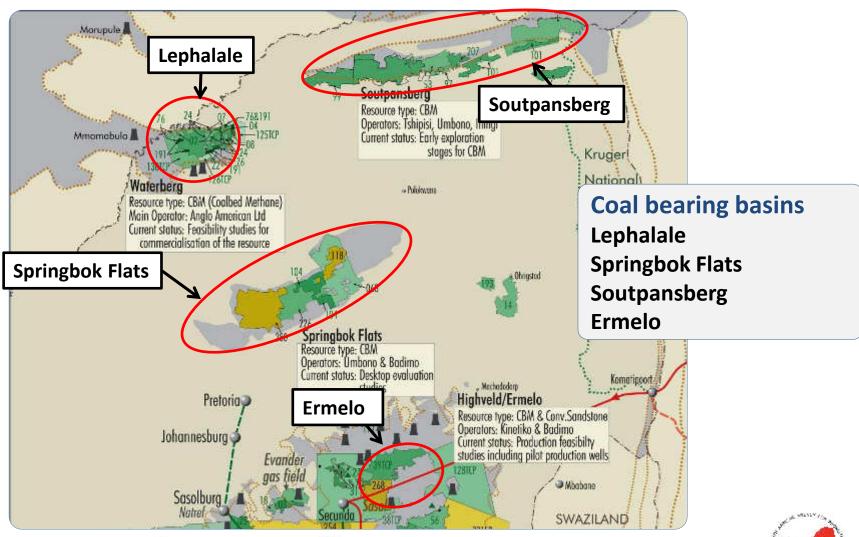
September 2012

1 well producing to plant – 11 further wells to be connected

Assets in Virginia in the Free State and Evander, south east of JHB.

Virginia 2P 101 Bcf

Power generation?
Further drilling next year







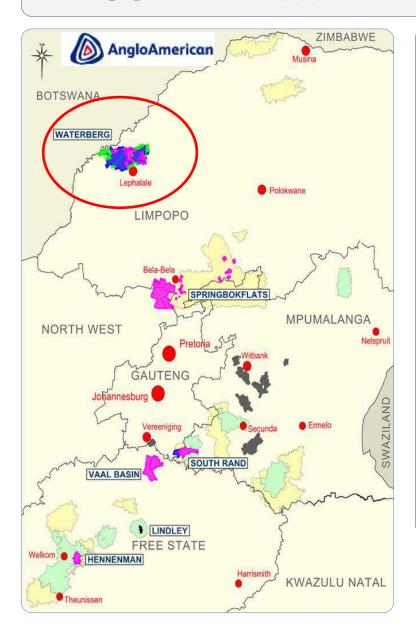












### Lephalale CBM Project

Waterberg Coalfield - Grootvlei

More that 80 core holes drilled

Single 5-spot production test

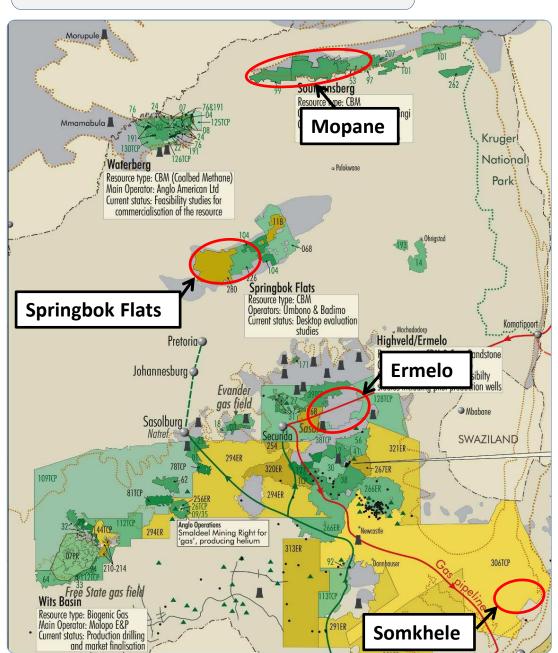
Testing initiated in 2004 and is still flowing gas.

Total Recoverable Reserves
~1 Tcf









JV between *Umbono* and *Sunbird Energy* 

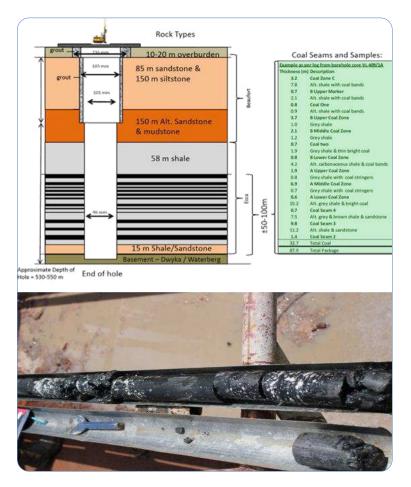
**Gas projects:** 

Mopane, Springbok Flats Coalfields



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http://www.sunbirdenergy.com.au/South-Africa/mopane.html



#### The Mopane Project

- 420km NE of Johannesburg covering an area of ± 1577km<sup>2</sup>
- Expanded 8 core hole drilling program underway
- Drilling and logging of 2 core holes completed and now undergoing permeability testing
- 3 core holes piloted to 100+ metres
- 2 rigs operating on site to complete program
- Best Estimate GIP of 1.9 Tcf











#### The Ermelo Project

- 200 km SE of Johannesburg within the Witbank coal mining region—covers an area of ±1443km<sup>2</sup>.
- Extensive historic drilling by coal miners provides a detailed understanding of the coal geology.
- Five target coals seams with a range of net coal thickness from 6m to 15m. Individual coal seams are up to 3m thick.
- The Ermelo project provides a combined Best Estimate GIP of 0.8 Tcf, with a High Estimate GIP of 3.45 Tcf

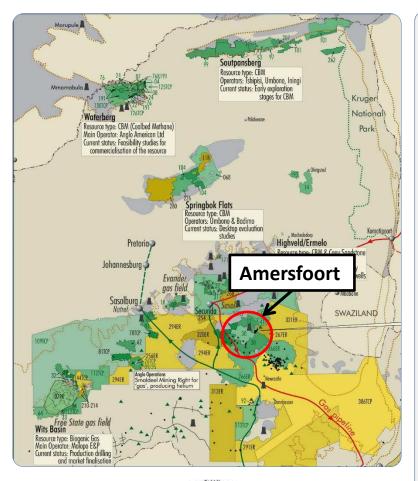












- JV between Badimo Gas and Kinetiko Energy - AfroEnergy
- The JV covers two exploration rights in **Amersfoort Coalfield**
- Considered highly prospective for CBM and also gassy sandstones overlying the coal horizons
- Initial drilling complete
- Contingent resources at P50 level of 2.4Tcf GIIP



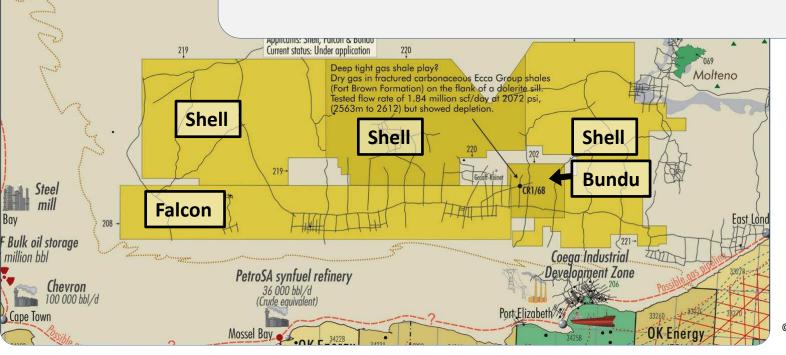
# SHALE GAS

#### Play fairway in southern part of basin

EIA: reporting 390 Tcf (2013)
Petroleum Agency SA's conservative
Previous Best estimate 36 Tcf recoverable

Recently revised to 183 Tcf recoverable

- Additional legacy data prospective area increased 3 fold
- Estimates now include adsorbed as well as free gas
- Recovery factors increased due to improved completion technologies





## **GOING FORWARD**

# Latest on shale gas Exploration

- Existing applications are now being processed objections through REMDEC, nearing recommendation stage
- Work programmes for first 3 years do not include hydraulic fracturing
- Moratorium on new applications remains

#### Latest on shale gas Regulations

• Regulations finalised

# Latest on MPRDA amendments

- Portfolio Committee has recommended that NA puts Bill to the vote, then refers to NCOP
- A major issue for IOCs





## **CONCLUSIONS**

South Africa has attracted a wide diversity of international and local exploration companies over the past few years.

Majority of acreage under license or under application: acreage is still attractive

A number of new surveys have been conducted offshore in previously underexplored areas.

Active exploration onshore for unconventional resources

MPRDA amendment needs to be finalized to encourage commitment to capital expenditure



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