

Lessons learned from the Romanian offshore sector



#### Black Sea Oil & Gas - Overview



# Black Sea Oil & Gas SRL ("BSOG"): Romanian based independent oil & gas company

BSOG head office and all staff (technical, commercial and financial) are located in Bucharest, Romania

BSOG's flagship is the Midia Gas Development Project

BSOG also undertaking offshore exploration campaign

Two shareholders: Carlyle International Energy Partners ("CIEP")

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The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development ("EBRD")

1 fund of 128 funds of Carlyle Group, a private equity firm with \$158Bn assets under management

EBRD became minority shareholder in November 2017

**2 WELLS** 

Exploration in 2018

2021

Project on stream

**BUCHAREST** 

Staff located in Romania

\$158Bn

Main shareholder assets under management

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## Concession Map



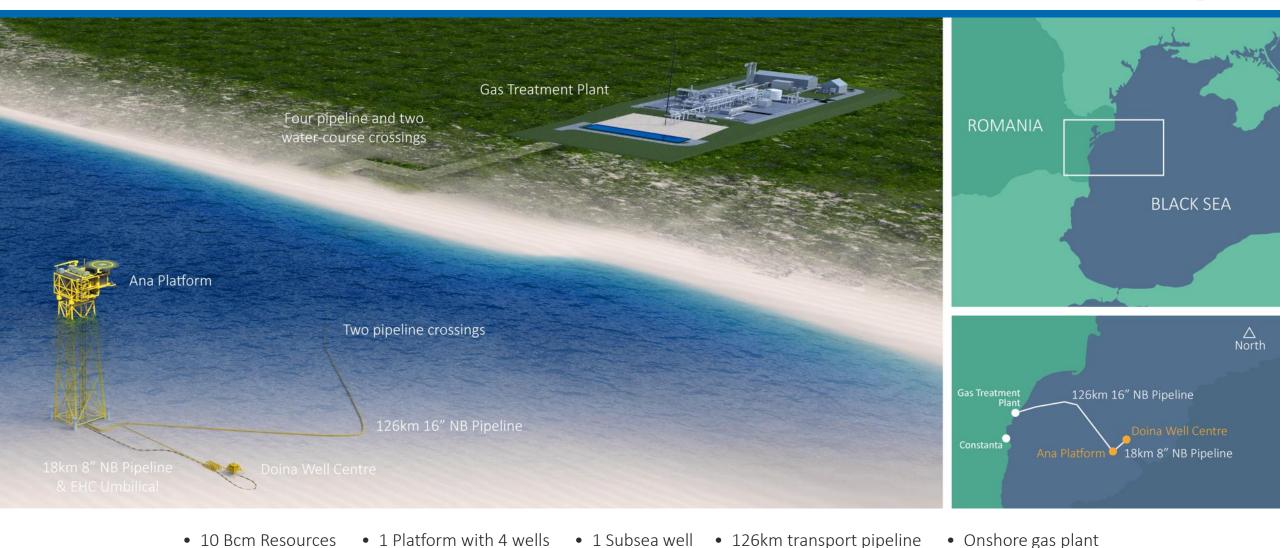
#### Midia and Pelican Blocks

Black Sea Oil & Gas SRL 65%
Petro Ventures Resources SRL 20%
Gas Plus International BV 15%



### Midia Gas Development Project





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#### Lessons learned



#### Lesson 1: The biggest challenges to reaching Final Investment Decision has nothing to do with the offshore project

- Land access
  - Route selection criteria
  - Ability to acquire land
  - Local buy in
- Export Route and Tie-in agreement
  - TSO's ability to provide tie into NTS
  - Clear and effective process to reach offtake agreement
- Transparent and Liberalized gas market
  - Independent from political influence
  - Gas price pegged to international index recognised by Banking community
- Clear Regulatory process
  - No overlap or gap of responsibilities amongst agencies and ministries
  - Reduced number of authorities involved
- Fiscal Stability
  - Royalties and taxes fixed for duration of concession on basis of what was agreed at Contract signature



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#### Lesson 2: The country must have clear objectives with respect to Foreign Investment

- Determine upfront if foreign investment is wanted
- Requires cross political support due to long term nature of investment
- Need strong alignment between political and administrative bodies
- Need strong political champion to ensure investment blockages are resolved
- Good political governance and a corruption free environment will attract higher quality investors
- "Good Investors" versus "Bad Investors" is the right criteria rather than whether they are Foreign Investors

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#### Lessons learned



## Lesson 3: The industry requires a strong and effective Industry Association

- One voice of the industry
- Provides access for educating the public
- Need full membership
- One stop shop for political and administrative liaison
- Offshore requires its own Association



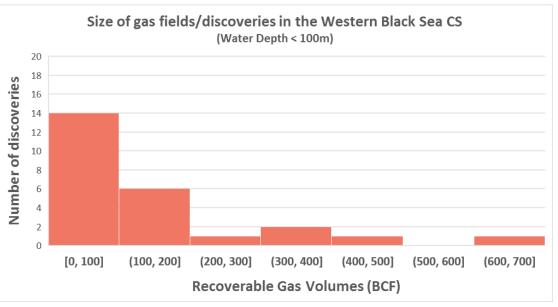
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#### Lesson 4: There are unique challenges for developing Offshore Continental shelf

- Continental shelf discoveries in Black Sea tend to be modest in size
  - Requires low capex, fit for purpose developments
  - Requires companies with marginal field development culture

- Geology tends to be complex
  - Requires best analytical technologies
  - Cannot afford to be wrong



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#### Deloitte.



The contribution of Black Sea oil & gas projects to the development of the Romanian economy

Lesson 5: A Successful Offshore Industry can be a game changer for the Country

 Deloitte study for offshore\* found the following contributions to the Romanian economy:

	Offshore Industry	New Consumption Industries
GDP Output	\$71.3 Billion	\$98.9 Billion
Jobs	30,605	41,945
State Revenues	\$26 Billion	\$18.3 Billion

• In addition Romania moves from being dependant on Russian gas to being self sufficient and a net exporter

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<sup>\*</sup>Report published in May 2018 by Deloitte Romania

#### Conclusions



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