

Licensing

This section will appear for all licences that you have. **Including any that were relinquished in the current survey year.**

If you think there are any errors with allocation please contact stewardshipsurvey@nstauthority.co.uk

UKSS 2024 Changes

The following changes are being implemented in the Licensing section of the survey:

1. Guidance has been updated to further clarify that if a prospect has been cancelled, then the prospect will not be copied forwarded into the next stewardship survey.
2. Guidance has been updated to note that only geophysical datasets captured on the petroleum licence should be included. No seismic surveys captured on a Carbon Storage licence should be entered at this time.



Previous prospects

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Wells that were proposed or constrained in the previous survey are listed below. A number of actions can be taken based on the well's current status:

- If the well has been proposed for a year other than the survey year then it can be moved to the Proposed wells page
- If the well has now been drilled the prospect can be moved to the Drilled wells page
- If the well has been postponed or cancelled, the prospect can be moved to the Constraints page.

Once all prospects have been updated you will be able to continue with the section.

Proposed exploration and appraisal wells

Prospect name	Expected drilling year	
Prospect 1	2024	Well remains proposed Well has now been drilled Well is postponed or cancelled
Prospect 1	2025	Well remains proposed Well has now been drilled Well is postponed or cancelled

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Previous Prospects

Proposed exploration & Appraisal wells, Constrained wells

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- Once all prospects have been updated you will be able to continue with the section.

Before beginning the licensing section, you will be asked to select the status of any well that was added in the previous survey.

Please note, a well that has been proposed should be added to both the proposed exploration and appraisal wells section and the Constrained wells section.

Section A: Divestment or M&A activity

Is this licence subject to current divestment activity, or planned activity within the next 12 months?

E.g. Farm-down to drill an Obligation well.

- Yes
 No

Briefly describe this activity

Description of activity

Do you plan to relinquish this licence in 2025?

- Yes
 No

Was the licence relinquished during the survey year? (Do not include partial relinquishments)

Answer Yes only if the appropriate relinquishment documentation has been supplied, an application to relinquish submitted via PEARS and the request accepted by the NSTA.

- Yes
 No

Please describe relinquishment

optional

Description of relinquishment

Activity plan

Do you have an activity plan document to upload?

- Yes
 No

Upload activity plan

Please attach a file that describes the Activity Plan in terms of key line items and timeframes (e.g., Virtual Data Room from date XXX to Date YYY; Well investment decision by Date ZZZ).

You have uploaded 0 of 1 files

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Licence Activity

Licence Section A: Divestment or M&A activity

The following questions relate to the year **2024**.

This section applies to any licence held during the survey year and extant at the time of the Survey invite. Please contact the help desk if held only for a short part of the year, or you have assigned elsewhere and not done any work in the survey year (please say when and who to).

Note: this survey replaces the requirement for the Quarterly Licensing Report.

Please use the comment box to describe the activity if there are any.

Please use the comment box to describe the relinquishment if survey has been relinquished during the survey year.

If you do not have an Activity plan, select no and you can use the comments box to provide why.

Please note that only hydrocarbon activity should be entered into the Licensing section at this time. Please do not provide details of activity on CCS licenses at this time.

2D seismic purchased Yes
 No

2D seismic purchased Yes
 No

Obligatory? Yes
 No

Processing type PreSTM
 PreSDM
 PreSTM and PreSDM
 Inversion

Type of acquisition Mariner Streamer
 OBN
 OBC

Ownership Multi-Client
 Proprietary

Survey name

Acquisition Provide details of the survey design, i.e. what were the acquisition parameters (streamer length, fold, date and acquisition contractor)?

Processing contractors

Comments optional

Licence Activity

Section B: Geophysical datasets & work programme fulfilment

2D seismic purchased

Define all 2D seismic data that has been purchased for this licence in the last 12 months. Please provide a description of the data, including survey name, general survey design (fold, cable length etc.), acquisition date, acquisition and processing contractors. NSTA would prefer the CDA (CS9) survey name, but the contractor survey name is acceptable.

2D seismic shot

Define all 2D seismic data that has been shot over this licence in the last 12 months. Please provide a description of the data, including survey name, general survey design (fold, cable length etc.), acquisition and processing contractors. NSTA would prefer the CDA (CS9) survey name, but the contractor survey name is acceptable.

3D seismic purchase

Define all 3D seismic data that has been purchased for this licence in the last 12 months. Please provide a description of the data, including survey name, general survey design (fold, cable length etc.) acquisition date, acquisition and processing contractors. NSTA would prefer the CDA (CS9) survey name, but the contractor survey name is acceptable.

3D seismic shot

Define all 3D seismic data that has been shot over this licence in the last 12 months. Please provide a description of the data, including survey name, general survey design (fold, cable length etc.), acquisition and processing contractors. NSTA would prefer the CDA (CS9) survey name, but the contractor survey name is acceptable.

If you selected Yes to 2D/3D seismic purchased/shot then you must provide additional data.



Reprocessing

Has there been any reprocessing of seismic data on this licence? Yes No

Was it an Obligation? Yes No

What type of survey was reprocessed?

Ownership? Proprietary Spec

Reprocessing type? PreSTM PreSDM PreSTM and PreSDM Inversion

Comments optional Briefly describe the amount of data that was reprocessed (km, km2), including survey name, processing contractor and objective of the project.

Other geophysical activity

Define all other geophysical activity for this licence in the last 12 months.

Other geophysical activity Yes No

Activity 1

Remove

Obligatory? Yes No

Processing type

Type of acquisition

Ownership Multi-Client Proprietary

Comments optional

Add other geophysical activity

Licence Activity

Section B: Geophysical datasets & work programme fulfilment

Other geophysical activity

Define all other geophysical activity for this licence in the last 12 months.

Reprocessing

If you selected Yes to *'Has there been any reprocessing of seismic data on this licence?'* then you must answer additional questions.

Options for *'What type of survey was reprocessed?'*: **2D, 3D, OBC, OBN**

Other geophysical activity

Multiple activities can be added using the *'+ Add other geophysical activity'* button. Any activities added in survey year can also be removed.

Options for *'Processing type'*: **PreSTM, PreSDM, Inversion, Gravity, CSEM 2D/3D, Aeromag, IP, Other**

Options for *'Type of acquisition'*: **Site Survey, Gravity, Magnetic, IP, CSEM 2D, CSEM 3D**

Licence Activity

Section B: Geophysical datasets & work programme fulfilment

Survey name and description [?]	Year originally shot	(Re-)Processing description	Year processed
Survey 1 - description of the survey	2019 <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	Description	2020 <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Survey 2 - description of the survey	1971 <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	Description	2008 <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>

Seismic data summary

The purpose of this section is to provide a full inventory of the seismic data that is being used in the licence, and when this data was processed. Please list all seismic surveys that are in active use on the licence, following the indications below:

Survey name and description - Year acquired (the date originally shot):

- Start with the most recent seismic survey.
- Name of the survey (indicate if it is 2D or 3D).
- Year acquired pertains to the date that the survey was originally shot.
- Seismic Data that is not being used (old 2D's etc) does not have to be included.
- Seismic surveys over the licence but not available to or used by the licence holder should not be included.

(Re)processing description - Year processed:

- Type of processing PSTM, PSDM, Broadband, Inversion?
- Please indicate the year when the latest processing was completed.
- If the processing was done as part of a multiclient purchase, please indicate the year it was completed.

Seismic data summary

It is possible to add multiple surveys using the '+ Add survey' button at the bottom. You can also remove seismic surveys by clicking on the dustbin icon.

Please add seismic surveys (whether purchased or shot) within this survey year only.

Year processed is now mandatory.

Please tell us about all the prospects and discoveries you consider will or may mature towards drilling. The Licence Operator should complete this section for all E & A wells planned in any Licence Term, including those where the Well Operator is different from the Licence Operator.

Are there any prospects or discoveries you may mature towards drilling during the Initial Term of the Licence (or during the next four years in any other term)?

All prospects should be included in this section unless drilled or cancelled.

If the prospect is postponed, please include in this section and provide further details on the 'Constraints' page

Yes

No

+ Add prospect

Discovery 1

Prospect / Discovery name

Discovery 1

Licence Block(s)

000/00a

In which licence round was the acreage awarded?


31

Is there a firm well on this prospect?

Yes

No

If there is no firm well licence commitment, please indicate to the nearest month when a firm drilling commitment/investment decision will be made

01-Feb-2022 

Please also indicate what outstanding activity this decision is dependent upon

Include equity changes, commercial and subsurface considerations as appropriate.

Additional information

Expected drilling year

Q3 2022



Proposed exploration and appraisal wells

Please tell us about all the prospects and discoveries you consider will or may mature towards drilling. The Licence Operator should complete this section for all E & A wells planned in any Licence Term, including those where the Well Operator is different from the Licence Operator.

New prospect/Discovery

When 'Yes' is selected to the questions 'Are there any prospects or discoveries you may mature towards drilling during the Initial Term of the Licence (or during the next four years in any other term)?' you can add multiple prospects by selected the '+ Add prospect' button.

Note: All prospects should be included in this section unless drilled or cancelled. If the prospect is postponed, please include in this section and provide further details on the 'Constraints' page.

If 'No' is selected for 'Is there a firm well on this prospect?' then additional questions will appear asking further information on decisions.



Well intent

An Exploration well is the first well to drill into a Prospect at a particular Stratigraphic horizon. This includes exploration tails on development wells where the intent is to test a deeper target.

An Appraisal well is drilled after the discovery of oil or gas to establish the limits of the reservoir, the productivity of wells in the discovery and the properties of the oil or gas, etc.

Please note the Total gross cost of the well is captured in the WELLS section of the survey.

Exploration

Appraisal

What type of trap is being drilled?

Structural

Stratigraphic

Combination

Has finance for this well been secured?

Yes

No

Has a rig slot been assigned to this well?

Yes

No

Is the probability of the well being drilled 100%? If no, please provide a probability and reasoning.

Yes

No

Probability of well being drilled

50	%
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Explain the provided probability

Additional information

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If 'No' is selected for 'Is the probability of the well being drilled 100%? If no, please provide a probability and reasoning.?' then additional questions will appear asking further information on the probability.



Is the target a discovery?

- Yes
- No

Please select the discovery well

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Please indicate whether JV equity changes are expected prior to drilling

If the Licence is the subject of Farm-in activity, choose either 'Yes' and specify the type of Farminee, or choose 'Don't know' and add 'Not Yet Known' in the comments box

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

Expected co-venturers and ownership proportions

Please indicate the expected co-venturers for this well, indicating the proportion ownership for each. This information will be used to inform HMRC's modelling of future tax payments only and will not be used by OGA or HM Treasury to inform future policy development nor will companies be held to the responses given. It is understood by Government that the information is subject to change.

+ Add co-venturer

Remove Advanced search

Co-venturer TEST COMPANY

Ownership proportion 50 %

Please provide additional comments.

optional

Include additional subsurface, project or commercial risks. Please tell us about all the prospects and discoveries you consider will or may mature towards drilling during the Initial Term of the Licence (or during the next four years for second term licences).

Proposed exploration and appraisal wells

Please tell us about all the prospects and discoveries you consider will or may mature towards drilling. The Licence Operator should complete this section for all E & A wells planned in any Licence Term, including those where the Well Operator is different from the Licence Operator.

If 'Yes' is selected for 'Is there a target discovery?' then additional questions will appear asking to select the discovery well.

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If 'Yes' is selected for 'Please indicate whether JV equity changes are expected prior to drilling' then additional questions will appear asking to add Co-venture and Ownership proportion.



This prospect was copied forward from a previous survey. Although this prospect cannot be removed, it can be marked as cancelled by moving it to the Constraints page.

Cancelled prospects will not be copied forward into next years survey.

Prospect / Discovery name

Move prospect

Discovery 1

Update View History

Proposed exploration and appraisal wells

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Move 'Discovery 1' prospect

Moving this prospect will clear all entered data for the prospect aside from the name.

Move Ariadne prospect

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Current prospect location Proposed exploration and appraisal wells

New prospect location Drilled exploration and appraisal wells

Well has now been drilled

Constraints

Well is delayed, postponed or cancelled

Move prospect

Cancel

Discovery A

Prospect / Discovery name

Discovery A

Licence Block(s)

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In which licence round was the acreage awarded?

31

Drilled wellbore registration number

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What type of trap was drilled?

- Structural
 Stratigraphic
 Combination

Hydrocarbons encountered?

- Yes
 No

Is this discovery potentially commercial?

- Yes
 No

If no, comment why not commercial

Additional comments

optional

Drilled exploration and appraisal wells

Please tell us about the outcome of each exploration and appraisal well spudded during in the survey year (please also include wells spudded in the previous year, but not completed until the survey year).

When 'Yes' is selected to the questions '*Are there any Exploration or Discovery wells drilling on the licence in 2024?*' you can add multiple prospects by selected the '+ Add prospect' button.

If 'No' is selected for '*Is this discovery potentially commercial?*' then a further text box will appear to enable the further explanation.



New Prospect/Discovery

Prospect / Discovery name

Licence Block(s)

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Drilled wellbore registration number

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Exploration

Appraisal

Have you now drilled this well?

Yes

No

Has the well been cancelled or postponed?

No delay

Cancelled

Postponed

If postponed, when will it be drilled (to the nearest month)?

Constraints

Please tell us about the constraints that affected Exploration and Appraisal wells in the survey year.

The business environment for Exploration and Appraisal drilling has continued to change over the last 12 months. To investigate the extent and consequences of this change please indicate below, for wells planned to be drilled in 2024 as outlined in your previous survey submission, but which were postponed or cancelled, what constraints affected the decision. Where not listed please describe the nature of the constraint.

When 'Yes' is selected to the questions 'Are there any Exploration or Discovery wells drilling on the licence in 2024?' you can add multiple prospects by selected the '+ Add prospect' button.

Note: If the prospect is delayed, please include constraints information in this section and provide further well details on the 'Proposed exploration and appraisal wells' page.

If 'Yes' is selected for 'Have you now drilled this well?' then a box will appear to enable you to enter the Drilled wellbore registration number.

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If 'Postponed' is selected for 'Has the well been cancelled or postponed?' then a box will appear to enable you to enter the estimated drill date.

Please select up to five constraints in order of importance

+ Add constraint

Importance rank	Constraint	If 'Other', please specify	
1	<input type="text" value="Drilling rig availability"/>		Remove
2	<input type="text" value="Resource availability (i.e. people/materials)"/>		Remove
3	<input type="text" value="Delay due to regulatory requirements"/>		Remove
4	<input type="text" value="Other"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="Specific constraint"/>	Remove

Additional comments
optional

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Up to 5 constraints can be added in order of importance by selecting the '*+ Add constraint*' button.

The options available for Constraint types are: Drilling rig availability; Drilling rig rates; Drilling contractual complexity; Resources availability (i.e. people/materials); Delay due to regulatory requirements; Seismic processing capacity; Seismic vessel availability; Cost escalation; Fiscal disincentives; Lack of external funding i.e. lack of farminees/partner drag; Lack of internal funding; Reassignment of budget outside of UK; Awaiting additional fiscal incentives; Oil price environment; Expiry or oil price hedging options; Other.

If '*other*' is selected, then you will be asked to specify.

Constraints can be added by selecting the dustbin icon.



General comments

Please provide any extra details that will help in the understanding of your responses in this section

optional

Submit section

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Autosave functionality

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Submission

Prior to submitting the form, please ensure any data entered is correct. You will not be able to modify your responses until the NSTA have reviewed the submission and asked for a correction.

This section contains invalid pages, please correct the errors in these pages before submitting.

General Comments

Please use this area to provide us with any information you think is important, or clarifies any data entered in the rest of the section.

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The link '*UKSS Guidance Page*' will take you to the NSTA webpage where all the guidance notes can be found.

The section can be exported either via spreadsheet or PDF at any time during the survey live period.