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### BLOCK: OFFSHORE ULTRA DEEP K

### **OFFSHORE BIDDING BLOCK ROUND 2023**

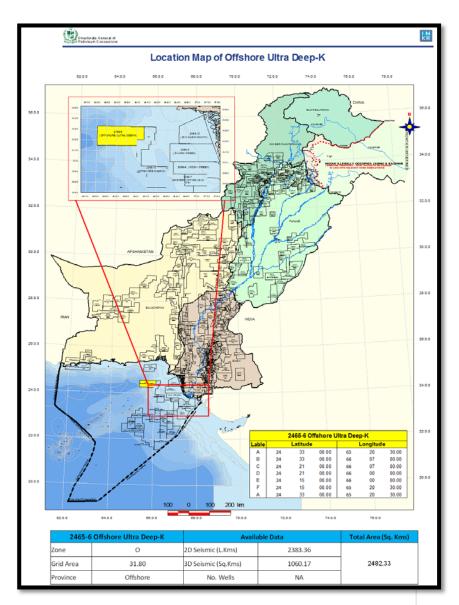
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## INTRODUCTION



- Offshore Ultra Deep K Block covers an area of 2480.33 Sq. Kms.
- Geological Basin: Offshore Indus, Basin Pakistan.
- The block falls in Prospectivity Zone O.
- ELF, WGC, Phillips, Wintershall, Shell acquired 2D and 3D seismic data approximately 2383.3573 L. Kms and 1060.172 Sq. Kms in the block within the years 1969, 1972, 1973, 1977, 1998 and 1999 respectively.
- The Block is surrounded by Offshore Deep C (South) block.
- The wells drilled in the near vicinity is Indus Marine-1C and Indus Marine-1D.





# **GEOLOGICAL HISTORY**



### Late Cretaceous – Early Paleocene:

- Rapid northward movement of Indian Plate after separation from Madagascar
- Bela ophiolites obduction
- Extrusion of Deccan Volcanics

### Paleocene - Eocene:

 Deposition of limestone on seamounts and shales in lows / depressions

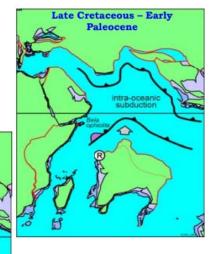
Miocene

Oligoe

### Oligo-Miocene:

Present Day

- Himalayan orogeny
- Indus Delta-Fan deposition





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## PETROLEUM SYSTEM



#### Source Rock:

- Paleocene carbonate section can be the source rock.
- Oligocene and Miocene section can also act as source rock in Offshore Indus Basin.

#### **Reservoir Rock:**

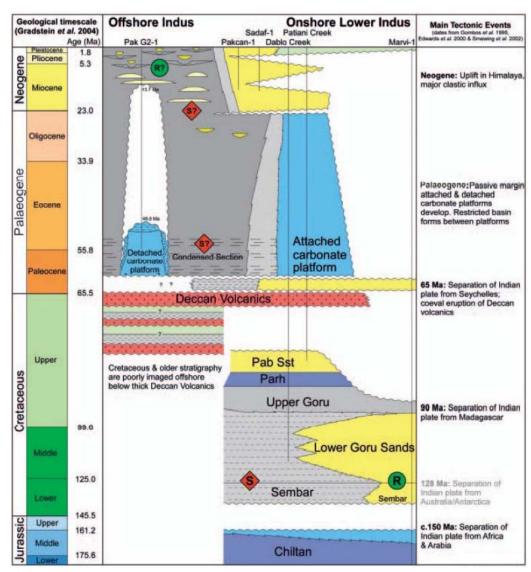
• Miocene sandstones are proven reservoir, Individual sandstone units vary in thickness from 2-50m with porosity ranging between 15-20%.

#### Seal:

• Intra-formational shales of Miocene would provide seal for the Miocene sands.

#### Trap:

 Carbonates build ups over seamounts, growth faults, roll-over anticlines and stratigraphic traps within deltaic fan system (e.g., bars, barrier islands and pinch-out / facies change etc.) are likely trapping mechanisms

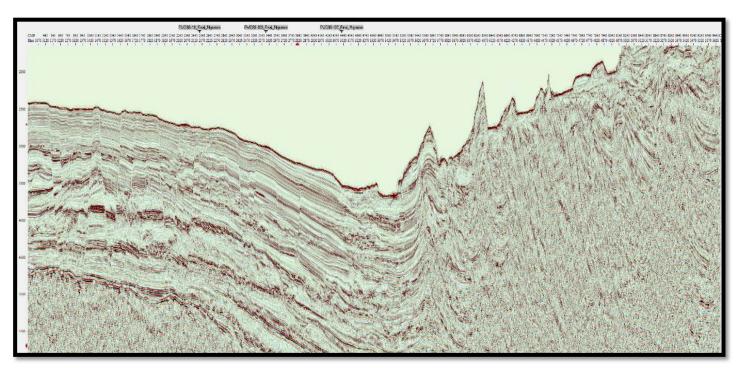




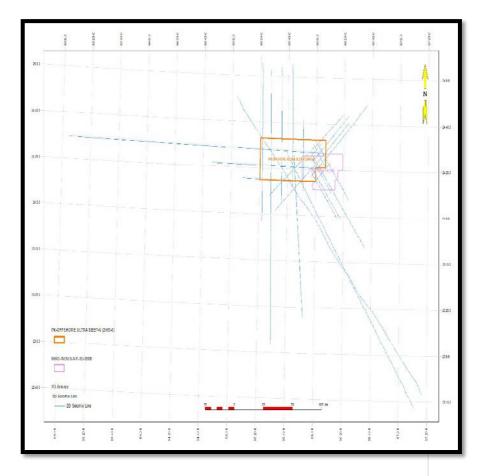
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## PROSPECTIVITY





- High resolution seismic data can allow to delineate true potential of the block
- Both structural and stratigraphic traps.





## **EXPLORATION RISKS**



- Source & Charge: Medium to High risk
- Reservoir: Low to Medium risk
- Seal: Low to Medium risk
- Trap: Low to Medium risk
- Key challenges for future exploration in Tertiary Petroleum System are to establish:
  - Distribution and timing of effective source intervals' development within the drainage area of prospect.
  - Timing of over-pressuring (up to 7000 psi at 2800m in Indus Marine-1A well) within Miocene section (for Miocene and younger targets) with respect to source rock maturation and expulsion.







Comparison suggests that discoveries in offshore deltas have been made in:

- Extension of proven onshore petroleum system to offshore at drillable depth (e.g. Niger, Nile, Irrawady & Mahakam deltas)
- Reservoir –Seal pairs associated with good quality but less mature source rock drilled onshore (at shallow depths) progressively mature in offshore (e.g. Krishna-Godavri and Nile deltas)
- Biogenic gas found in shallow younger Tertiary section (e.g. Krishna-Godavri and Nile deltas)

International offshore exploration efforts in delta areas have generally been successful due to:

- Extension of established onshore petroleum system to offshore at drillable depths
- Good quality less mature source rock drilled onshore progressively mature in offshore
- Gas discoveries of biogenic origin.





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