

## Pakistan Offshore Bid Round



2025



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#### ATTRACTIVE FISCAL AND **REGULATORY POLICY FOR PETROLEUM INVESTORS**



Sliding scale production sharing arrangement.

Right to remit funds.

Only 5% tax on equipment.

Foreign investment is fully protected under foreign investment protection law.

Payments in USD.

No ring fencing.

G2G arrangement for foreign state-owned companies.

Transferrable work units.

Tenure of license/lease.

Guarantee of Government to buy

Royalties treated as expense for tax.

Option to sell to 3rd party.

Separate Policies for **Tight Gas** (upto \$12.6/MMBTU).





COST **RECOVERY**  **\$7 - \$9 4 YRS** 

USD/MMBTU

GAS PRICE

**HOLIDAY ON ROYALTY** 

Bonanza of US\$ 1/MMBTU over and above well head gas price for first three offshore discoveries



#### PROCEDURE FOR GRANT OF E&P RIGHTS AND REQUIREMENTS





### Competitive Bidding

Petroleum Exploration License for entering PCA or PSA



#### G to G

Petroleum
Exploration
License for
entering PCA or
PSA to Strategic
Partner
Companies



#### Direct Negotiation

Non-exclusive Reconnaissance Permits for undertaking studies and multi-client surveys



3 years' experience as operator or JV partner



Demonstratable Technical and Financial capability



Within a period not exceeding ninety days after award of a petroleum right, the contractor shall either become incorporated in Pakistan or obtain permission to operate in Pakistan as a registered branch office of a foreign company.



#### INTRODUCTION





Pakistan's offshore consists of two distinct geological basins namely Indus and Makran, combined both basins encompass an area greater than 282,623 sq. km.The offshore area is further subdivided into shallow, Deep, and Ultra Deep Zones. The Govt of Pakistan (GoP) is offering investment opportunities in Indus Offshore with investor-friendly attractive fiscal terms, revised in 2023.

The Indus Offshore has the **world's second-largest** delta-fan system, after the Ganges in Bengal, with a sediment thickness of up to 10 km. This system is also analogous to some of the world's prolific hydrocarbon-bearing deltas, e.g., Nile, Mahakam, and Niger.

Considering the large size of the Indus offshore basin (157,868 sq. km) well drilled per sq. km area does not reflect the actual exploration potential of the entire basin. Since 2000, only 4 wells have been drilled which indicates the negligible exploration efforts as compared to many other global offshore areas.



No commercial discovery has been made to date. Pak Can-1 (OGDCL 1985) is the only well that flowed hydrocarbons (3.7 MMscfd gas; 98% Methane). However, in addition to Pak Can-1, hydrocarbon discoveries in the adjacent Indian offshore Kutch basin confirm the presence of a working petroleum system in the region and thereby encourage to explore the same plays in the Indus Offshore, Pakistan.



Moreover, the proven plays of the onshore Indus basin may extend into the offshore region. However, none of the earlier drilled wells in the Indus Offshore optimally targeted these plays.

Overall, the Indus Offshore basin may have multi-Tcf gas potential and is the candidate for a classical play-based exploration approach.

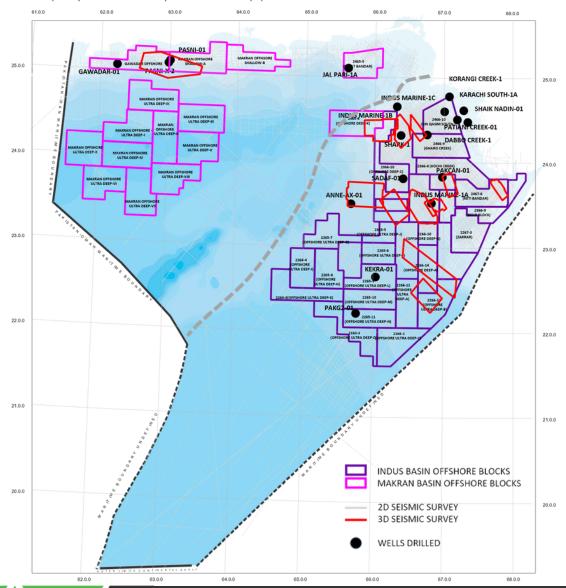


Figure-2 Location of Blocks for Bid Round 2025



#### **BIDDING PROCESS**

GoP is offering Blocks for competitive Bidding in two Phases. Roadmap and tentative timelines for bidding process are as below:-





January 2025

April 2025

Bid Submission & Award



	Upcoming Offshore Bidding Blocks					
Sr.	Blocks	Area Sq.Kms	Grid Area			
1	2466-10 Bin Qasim South	2021.69	26.00			
2	2266-12 Offshore Ultra Deep-A	2055.49	25.87			
3	2266-13 Offshore Ultra Deep-B	2451.61	30.85			
4	2166-1 Offshore Ultra Deep-C	2475.04	31.01			
5	2165-3 Offshore Ultra Deep- D	2444.86	30.63			
6	2264-3 Offshore Ultra Deep- E	2429.76	30.44			
7	2265-6 Offshore Ultra Deep- F	1373.56	17.36			
8	2265-7 Offshore Ultra Deep-G	2048.36	26.00			
9	2265-8 Offshore Ultra Deep-H	1976.92	24.98			
10	2264-4 Offshore Ultra Deep-I	1859.69	23.50			
11	2365-5 Offshore Ultra Deep-J	900.36	11.40			
12	2465-6 Offshore Deep-K	2482.33	31.80			
13	2266-14 Offshore Deep-A	1774.2	22.33			
14	2266-10 Offshore Deep-B	833.78	10.56			
15	2366-10 Offshore Deep -C	2482.83	31.69			
16	2366-8 Kochi Creek	2450.14	31.32			
17	2367-6 Keti Bandar	2464.75	31.47			
18	2366-9 Behr Block	2481.44	31.62			
19	2267-3 Zarrar	2424.8	30.74			
20	2466-9 Gharo Creek	2453.05	31.49			

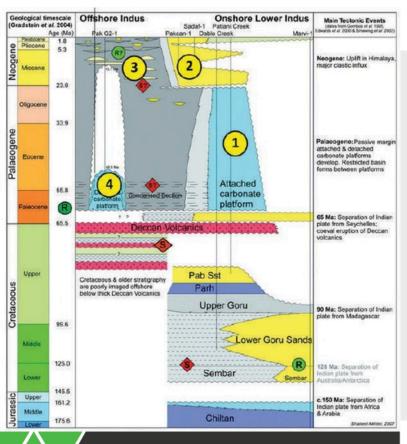
Sr.	Blocks	Area Sq.Kms	Grid Area
21	2265-9 Offshore Ultra Deep-L	2087.59	27.83
22	2265-10 Offshore Ultra Deep-M	1999.10	26.65
23	2265-11 Offshore Ultra Deep-N	1860.21	24.80
24	2465-5 Sapat Bandar	1894.66	24.49
25	2461-5 Gawadar Offshore	2499.05	32.00
26	2462-2 (Makran Offshore Shallow-A)	2479.90	32.19
27	2464-5 (Makran Offshore Shallow-B)	2115.16	27.33
28	2462-3 (Makran Offshore Ultra Deep-I)	2498.72	32.11
29	2362-2 (Makran Offshore Ultra Deep-II)	2487.54	31.90
30	2463-1 (Makran Offshore Ultra Deep-III)	2425.26	31.14
31	2362-1 (Makran Offshore Ultra Deep-IV)	2403.52	30.75
32	2363-1 (Makran Offshore Ultra Deep-V)	2460.41	31.50
33	2361-2 (Makran Offshore Ultra Deep-VI)	2372.93	30.24
34	2362-4 (Makran Offshore Ultra Deep-VII)	2491.60	31.74
35	2362-3 (Makran Offshore Ultra Deep-VIII)	2384.24	30.43
36	2462-4 (Makran Offshore Ultra Deep-IX)	2418.22	31.11
37	2361-1 (Makran Offshore Ultra Deep-X)	2369.38	30.32
38	2366-11 (Offshore Deep-D)	2495.57	31.80
39	2266-15 (Offshore Deep-E)	2440.87	30.91
40	2366-12 (Offshore Deep-F)	2455.08	31.27



#### **PLAYS TYPES**

The generalized stratigraphy and various play types of Indus Offshore are shown in below Figure-3





Following potential plays needs to be explored in future exploration campaign:

- Shelf Edge Carbonate
  Build-up
- 2 Miocene Delta
- 3 Channel Levee System
- Deep Water Carbonate
  Build-up

Figure-3 Generalized stratigraphy of Indus Offshore

#### **Source Rock**

Paleocene Drilled only in Karachi South-1 well with TOC ranging from 1-3%

Miocene TOC ranges from 1-3.5% in Indus Marine A-1

300m of source rock interval with TOC Range of 1.26-3.24% drilled in PakCan-1 well

#### **Seal Rock**

Miocene & Oligocene Shales Intra-formational shales of Miocene and Oligocene may act as top seal



#### **EXPLORATION HISTORY**





As of to date, only 14 wells have been drilled in Indus Offshore



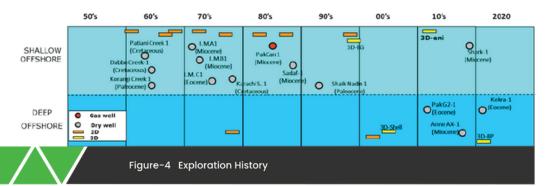
11 in Shallow water and 3 in Ultra-deep water



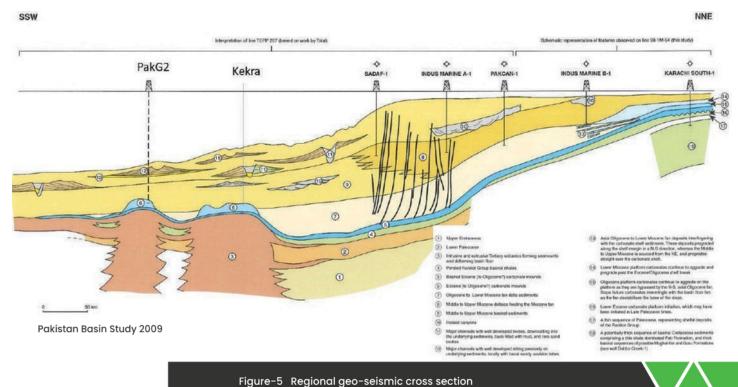
6 wells for Paleogene/ Cretaceous Plays and 6 wells for Miocene clastic Play



2 wells for carbonates build-ups (Deep water)



PakCan-1 well drilled in 1985 tested 3.7 MMscfd thermogenic gas, indicating good potential for Miocene clastic sands as source rock & reservoir.



Regional geo-seismic section (Figure-5) depicts the overall geological setting and extent of various plays being targeted in the past.



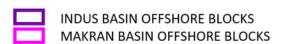
# TOTAL SEISMIC DATA COVERAGE



So far ~64,000 L.KM 2D and 11950.5 Sq. km 3D seismic data have been acquired in the Indus offshore (Figure-6).

No. of 3D Seismic 11 surveys

3D Coverage 11950.5 Sq. Kms No. of 2D Lines 1172 2D Coverage **63913.60 L. Kms** 



2D SEISMIC SURVEY
3D SEISMIC SURVEY

WELLS DRILLED

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Figure-6 Total Seismic Coverage Maps of Indus Offshore

# Opportunities & risks

- Indus Offshore is the largest and least-explored basin with an estimated resource potential of 10-40 Tcf.
- Working petroleum system, proven by 3.7 MMscfd flow of gas at Pakcan-1
- Mainly Gas play with possibility of oil play in the eastern periphery Marginal oil discovery at KD-1 (India).
- Significant volume of 2D and 3D seismic is already available
- Play elements that require play-based approach to unlock the HC potential of this huge sedimentary area









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