



REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE

Offshore Partnership and Opportunities
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Mission & Vision

Our Mission is to:

“Facilitate the optimal exploration, development and production of Sierra Leone’s Potential Petroleum Resources for the long term benefit of its people, through the development of regulatory guidelines and monitoring contract compliance, having due regard for the economy, the environment, safety, technology, as well as balancing the interests of the nation and investor”



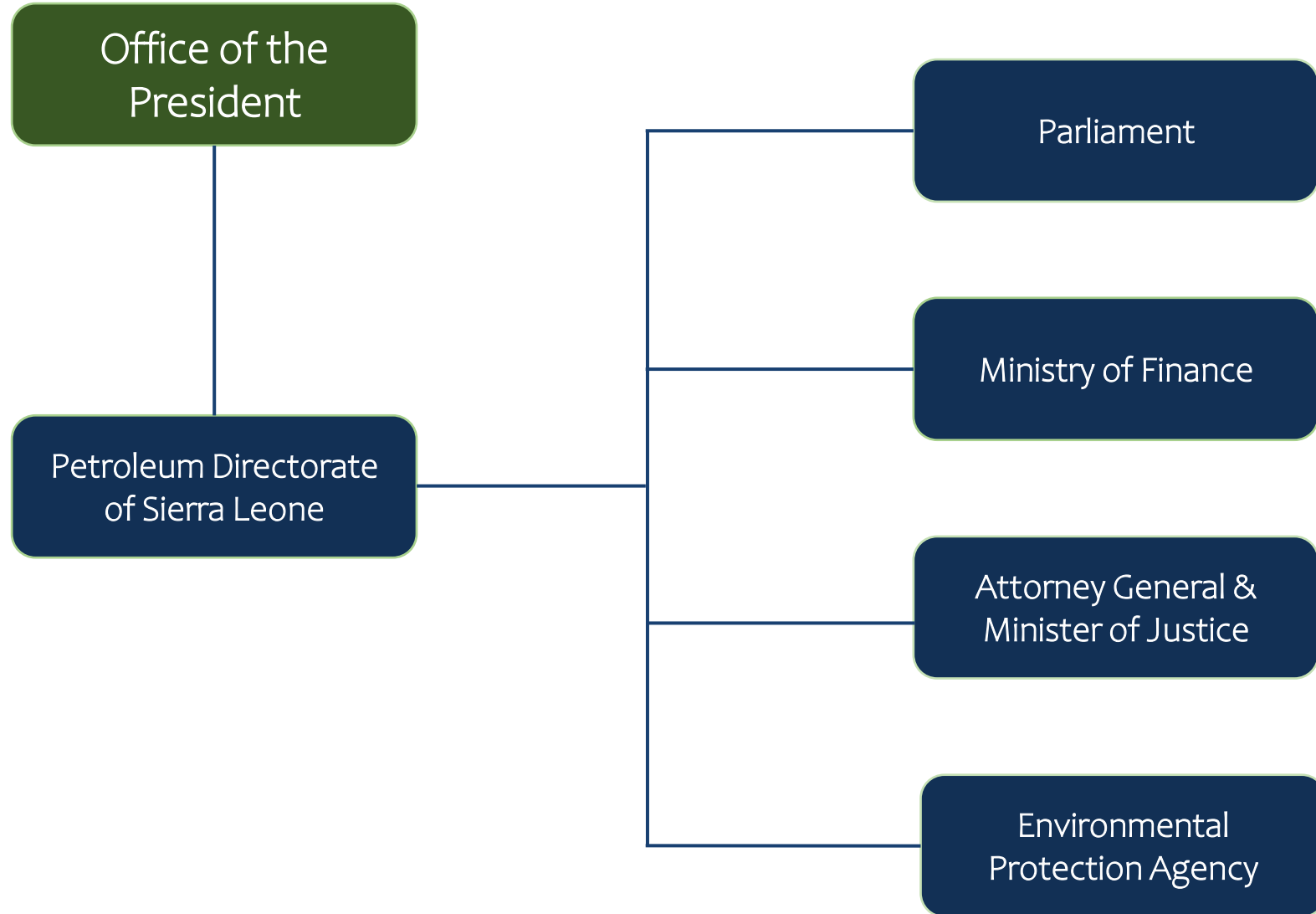
Petroleum House, Freetown

Vision :

Our vision is to lead the process of unlocking and realizing The Republic of Sierra Leone’s petroleum resource potential and transform the country’s growth agenda through the sustainable development of the petroleum sector

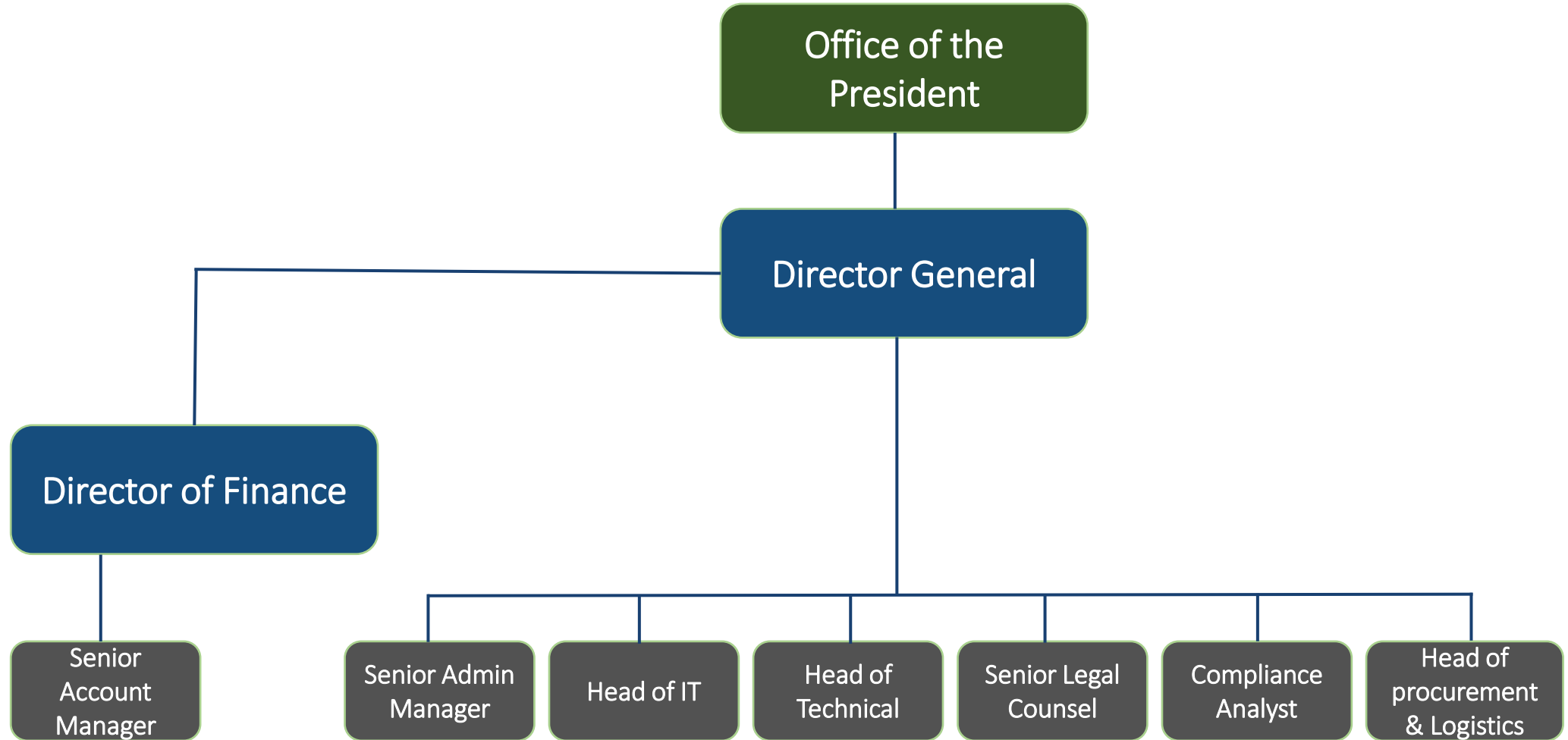


Line of Authorities





Management





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About Us – Our Partners

Legal & Regulatory Framework



Petroleum Policy , Exploration & Production Act



The contractual relationship between Investor and State is governed by PEPA 2011

- All Petroleum Rights are vested in the State – enshrined in the Sec. 7 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone, 1991 and Sec.2 of the PEPA 2011.
- Principal legislation governing upstream oil and gas operations is the PEPA 2011.
 - Provides the Administration, Regulation and Management framework of the upstream and midstream petroleum sector and covers:



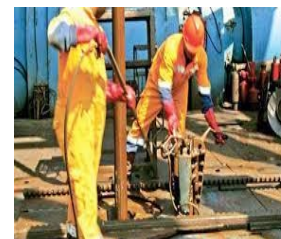
Environmental Protection Agency Act 2008



Income Tax Act 2000



Finance Act 2020



Local Content Act 2016

↗ Fiscal Framework



Non-Negotiable Fiscal Elements



Royalty

- SL operates a **Tax-Royalty Hybrid System**
- **10%** on Gross Production for Crude Oil
- **5%** on Gas



Corporate Income Tax

- **25%** of Gross Profit



Petroleum Resource Rent Tax

- Superficial Tax based on excess profit set by IMF
- Financial modelling shows **PRRT is only applicable** when the price of oil is **\$60/bbl** and above

Negotiable Fiscal Elements

1. Paid Interest	2. License Fees	3. Training, R&D Fund	4. Technology Bonus	5. Extension Fee
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The State maintains the option to negotiate Paid Interest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Negotiable ✓ Set per sq.km 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Negotiable ✓ Set per graticular block 	
6. Production Bonus	7. CSR	8. Assignment / Farm-out Fees	9. Signature Bonus	10. Seismic Data Acquisition
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Negotiable ✓ When total average daily production reaches a defined threshold for a period of 30 consecutive producing days 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Negotiable ✓ Set per graticular block 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Purchase existing or New Acquisition ✓ 2D and/or 3D Seismic Data from TGS

Types of Petroleum Rights



1. Reconnaissance Permit

- Pre-qualification
- Payment of Application Fee
- Reconnaissance Work Program
- Payment of minimum annual license fee
- Payment of minimum annual training funds
- For a period not exceeding two (2) years
- Non-Exclusive

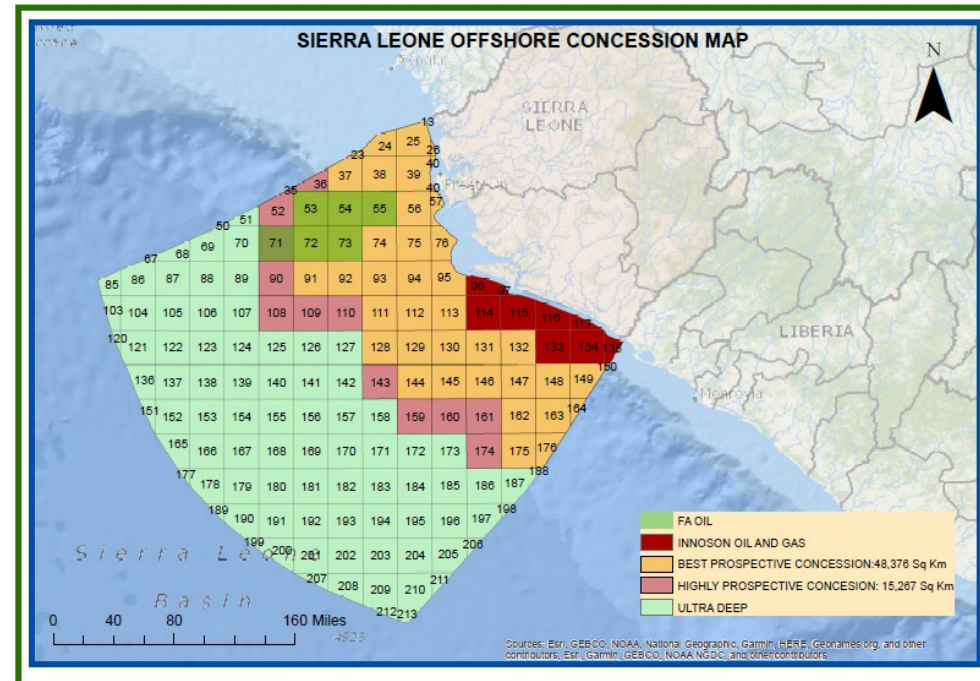
2. Petroleum License

- Pre-qualification Fees
- Application Fees
- Minimum Work Program

3. Permit for Laying & Operation of Pipeline

- A permit for the laying and operation of pipelines to transport petroleum produced from fields

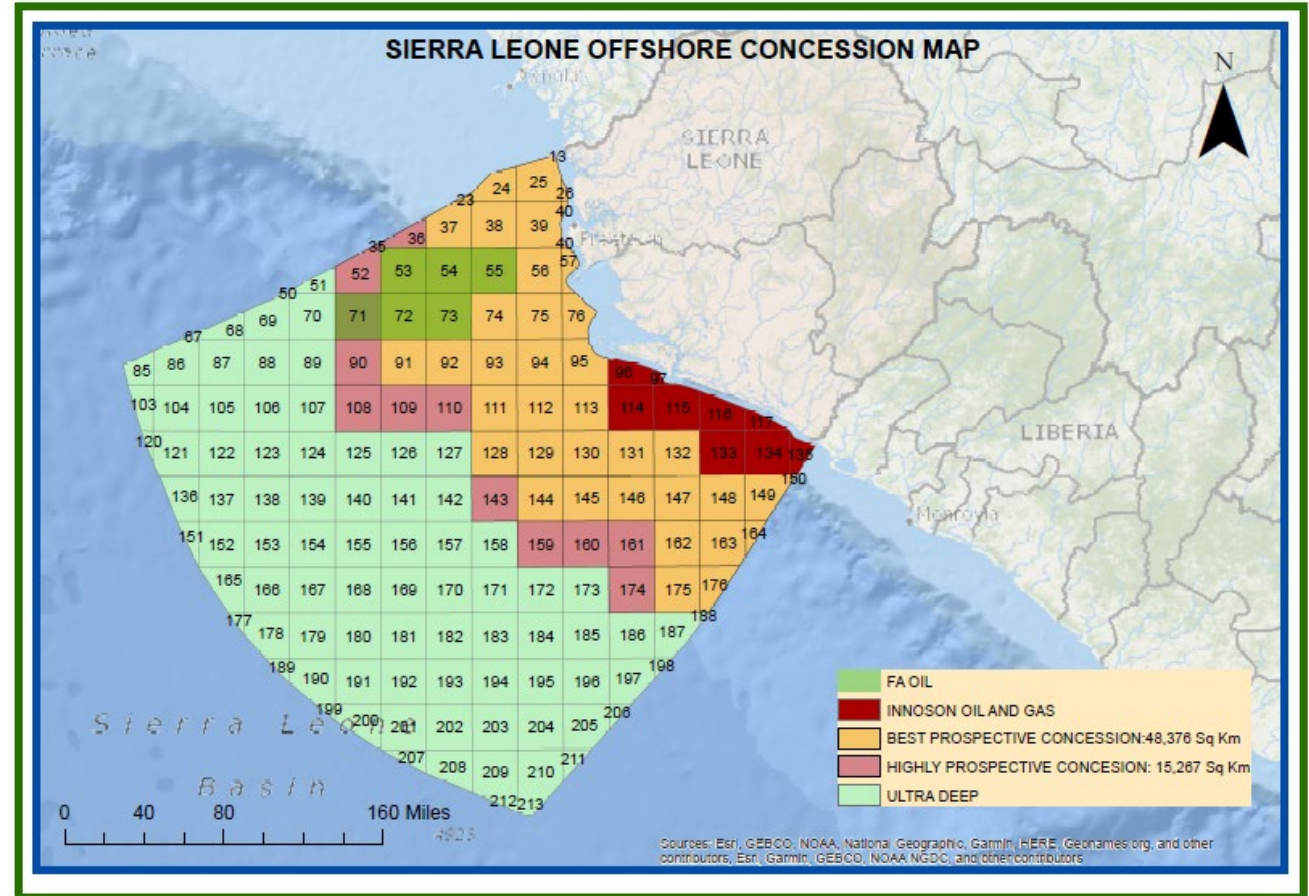
Offshore Acreage Opportunities





Contract Areas on Offer

- Offshore covers approximately **170,000 km²**, with **140,000 km²** of offshore **open acreage available**
- MSGBC and Guyana-Suriname Basins are developing oil and gas from Cretaceous reservoirs, offshore Sierra Leone is located along this trend.
- After a block re-demarcation in 2018, the PDSL now has a series of smaller blocks that align with the ECOWAS north-south grid system
- Each block is approximately **1360 km²**
- Minimum of **Three (3) Graticular Blocks** constitute a Contract Area



Step by Step Guide to Direct Negotiations

Step 1 – IOC Expression of interest (EOI)

- Party provides EOI letter to initiate communication
- Petroleum Directorate Sierra Leone (PDSL) would invite the party to submit Pre-Qualification documentation

Step 2 – Pre-Qualification Criteria

- Financial Strength
- Operational/technical pre-qualification
- Q-HSE policy statement
- Data room visit and purchase of seismic

Step 3 – invitation

- PDSL will invite IOC for Data Room Visit (London or Freetown) and negotiations upon approval.

Step 4 - Provisional License

- PDSL will offer a Provisional license to the IOC

Step 5 - IOC Action

- IOC acceptance of Provisional license

Step by Step Guide to Direct Negotiations

Step 6 - Draft Petroleum Agreement

- A Draft Agreement will be sent to the IOC from PDSL
- IOC and PDSL negotiate the agreement and PDSL awaits a “NO Objection” reply from the IOC

Step 7 - Response

- The agreed upon Petroleum Agreement is sent to the following Government institutions for approval:
 1. Ministry of Finance
 2. The Attorney General - Ministry of Justice

Step 8 – Signing

- Upon approval, PDSL & IOC will sign Agreement

Step 9 – Parliament

- The agreement is sent to parliament for ratification
- Parliament’s ratification is the last approval needed for the signing

Step 10 – Ratification

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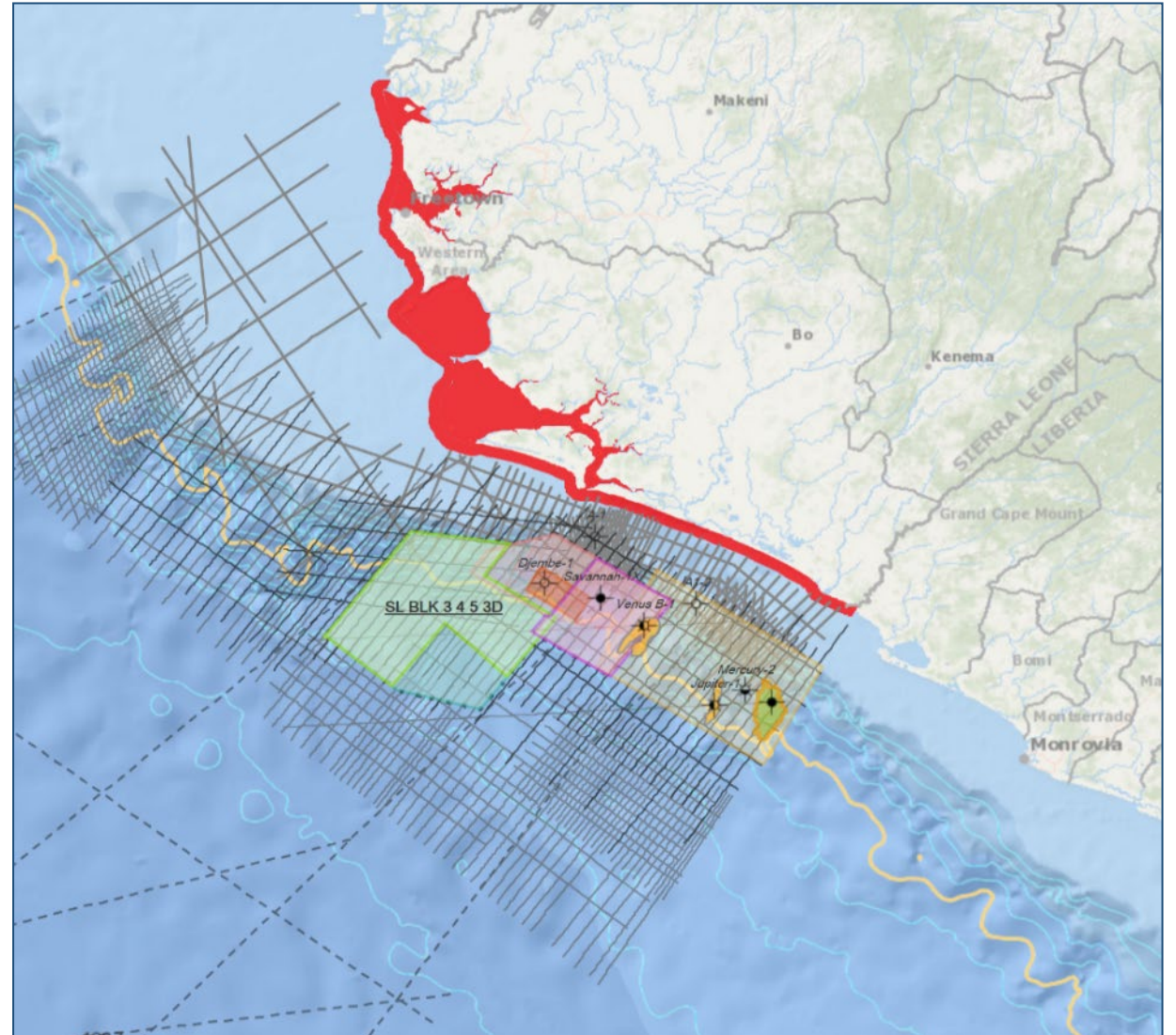
- Entire Process is expected to take 85 Business Days.
- Application Fee for Prequalification is US\$15,000
- Application Fee per Contract Area (3 Graticular Blocks) is US\$30,000. A fee of US\$5,000 applies for any additional graticular block
- Applicants MUST clearly state their wish to apply as:
 - ✓ Operator or
 - ✓ Petroleum Right Holder (Partner/Non-Operator)





Exploration History & Available Data

- Exploration began in the **early 1980s**, initial work focused on shallow waters with 2D seismic & gravimetric surveys offshore
- Subsequent drilling of A-1 (Mobil) and A1-2 (Amoco) between 1982-85 on the inner shelf (<100m water depth) encountered hydrocarbon shows
- More exploration work followed with the acquisition of speculative 2D data (5,800 sq. km) by TGS **between 2000-01** sparked another exploration cycle
- From the early 1980's to present, **eight wells** have been drilled in the basin





Discoveries

1. Venus – B1 (2009) – Anadarko

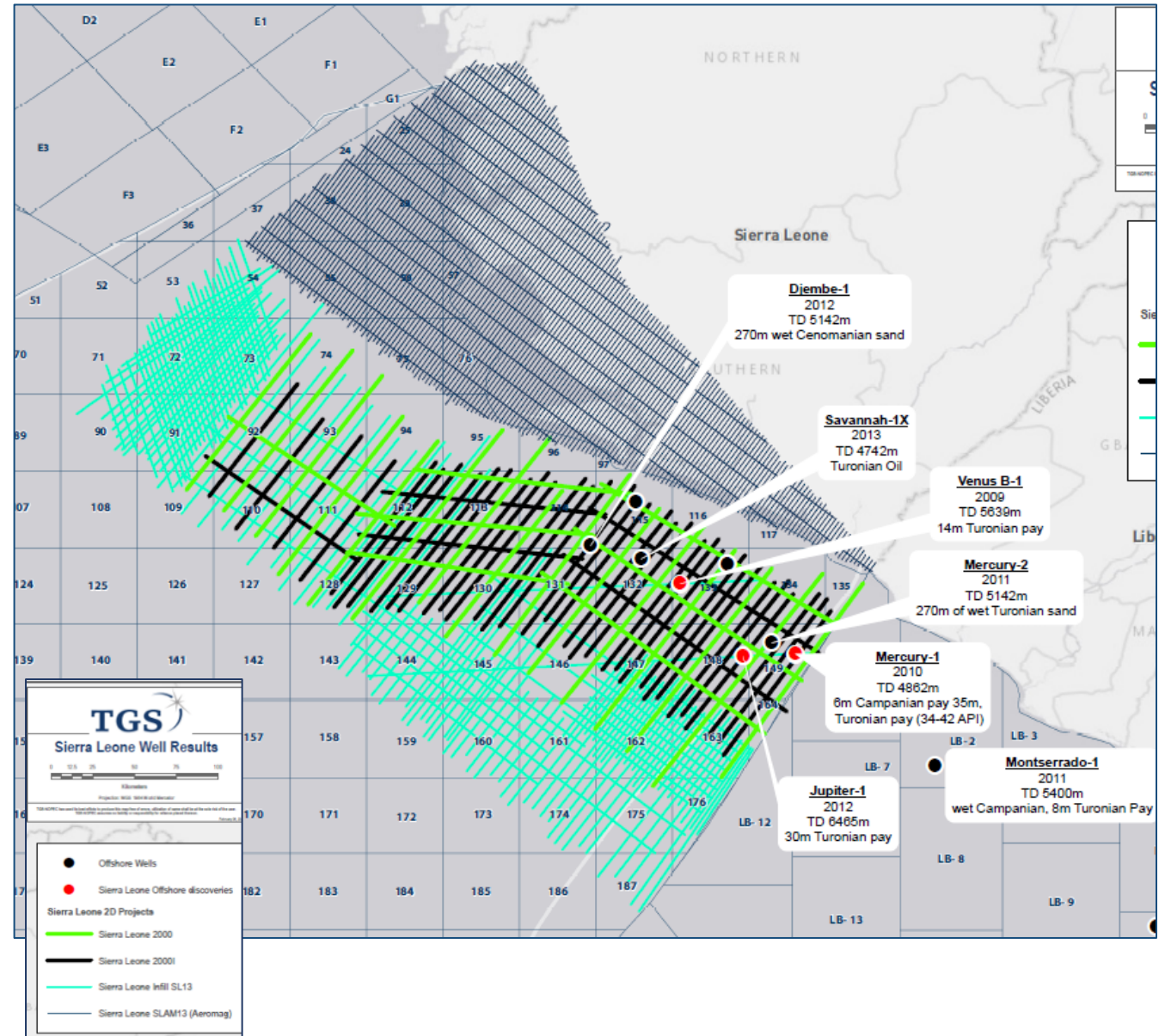
Water Depth: 1,800m, TD: 5,636m in Albian

- 14m net oil pay (condensate) in Cretaceous age sediments
- Good quality reservoir sand (channel/fan)
- Several good reservoir quality intervals all the way down to TD.

2. Mercury – 1 (2010) – Anadarko

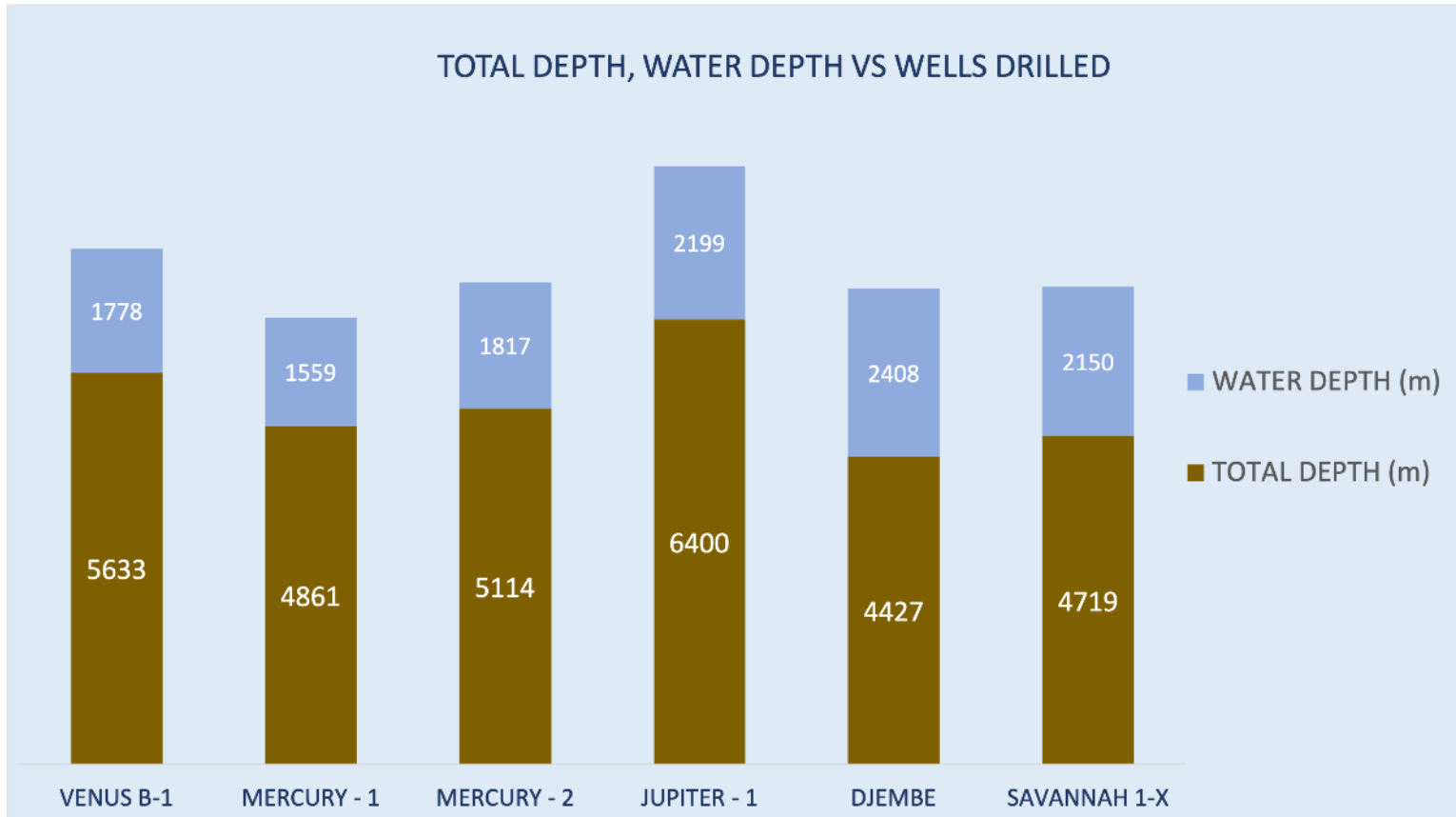
Water Depth: 1,600m, TD: 4,862m in Albian

- 41m net oil pay in Cretaceous age fan system
- 35m net oil pay in primary objective – light sweet crude (34° – 42° API)
- 6.4m of 24° API oil in a shallower secondary objective.





Wells Insight



Average Well Depth – 3217m

Average Water Depth – 1985m

Average Duration of drilling a Well – 52.2 days

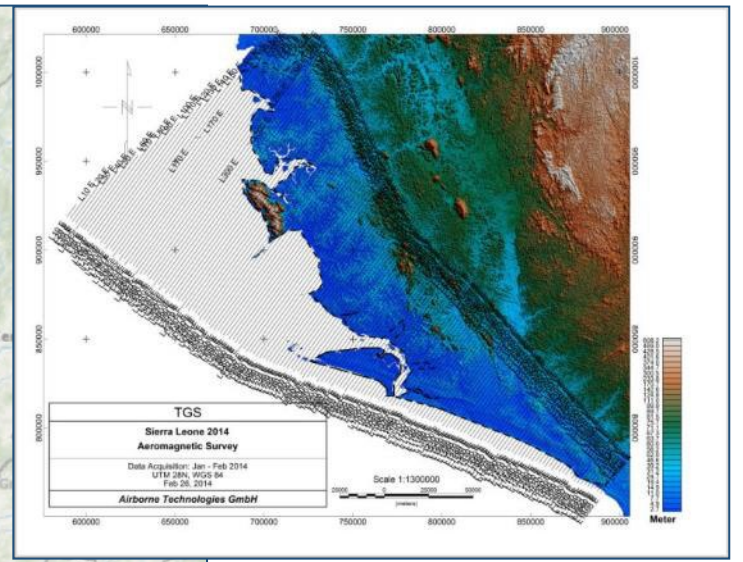
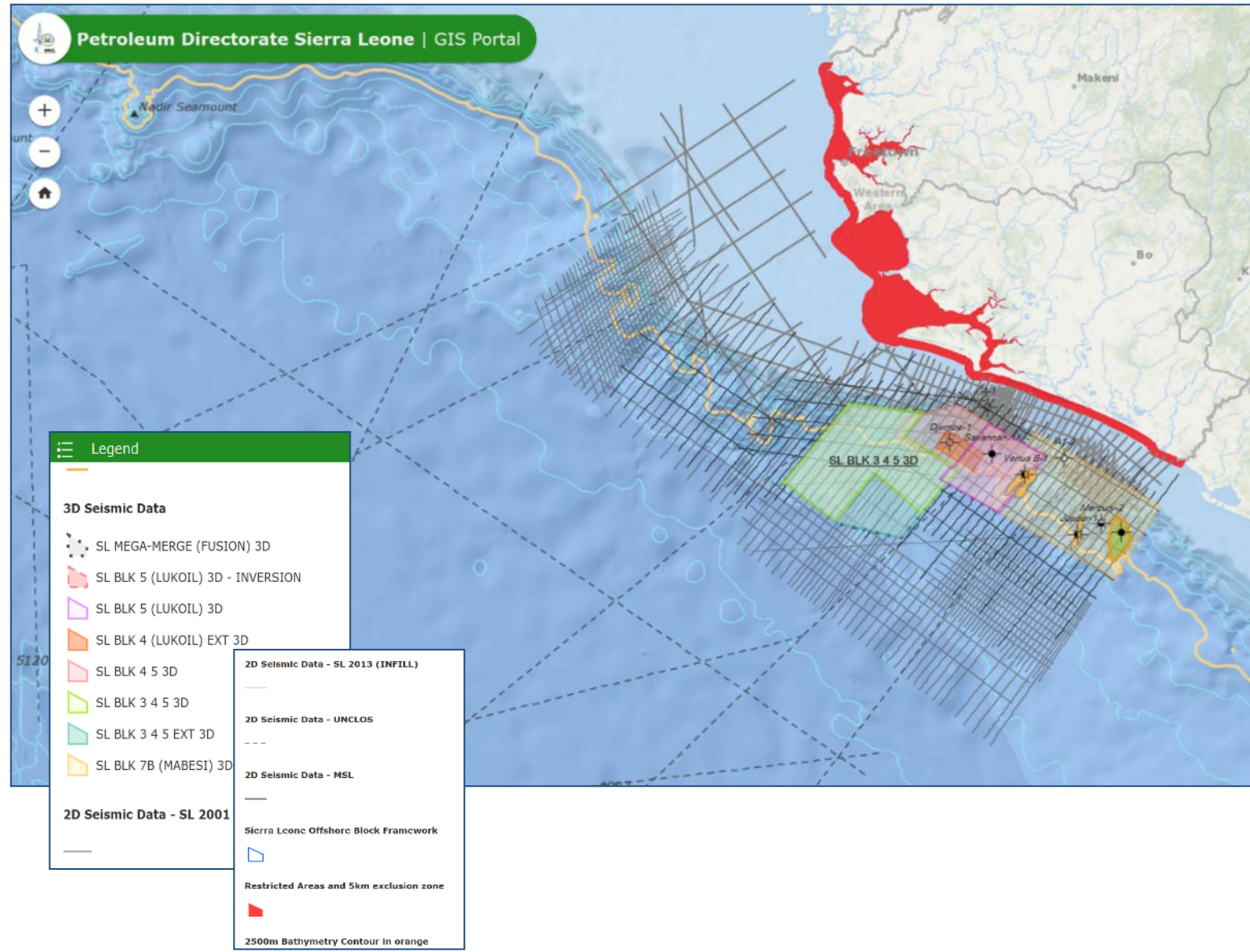
Average Cost of drilling a Well - \$60MM as of 2013



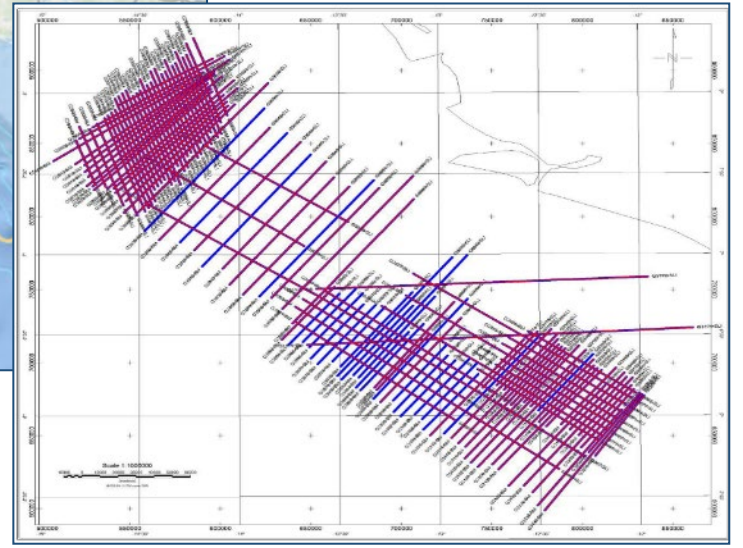
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Exploration History & Available Data – Data Coverage

Data Coverage – 2D and 3D Seismic



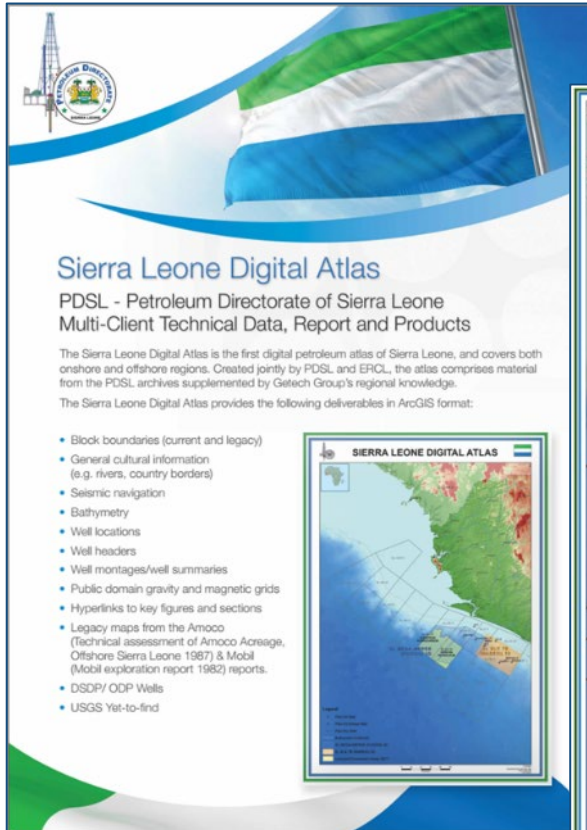
Aeromagnetics



Marine Gravity & Magnetics

Interpretation Data Packages

Exploration History & Available Data – Data Coverage



Sierra Leone Digital Atlas

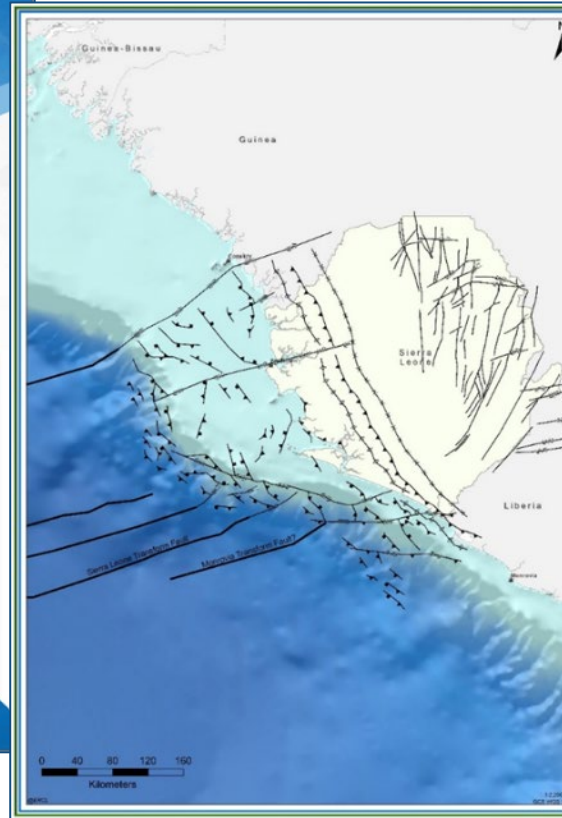
PDSL - Petroleum Directorate of Sierra Leone
Multi-Client Technical Data, Report and Products

The Sierra Leone Digital Atlas is the first digital petroleum atlas of Sierra Leone, and covers both onshore and offshore regions. Created jointly by PDSL and ERCL, the atlas comprises material from the PDSL archives supplemented by Geotech Group's regional knowledge.

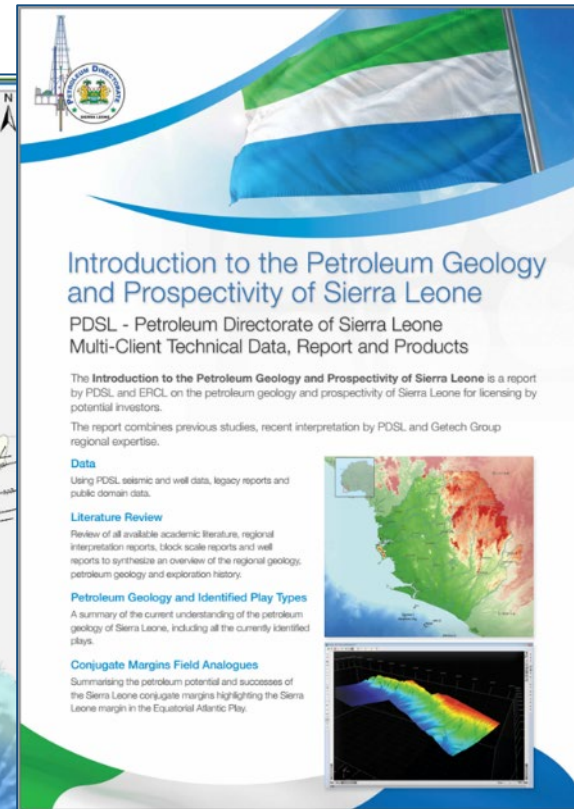
The Sierra Leone Digital Atlas provides the following deliverables in ArcGIS format:

- Block boundaries (current and legacy)
- General cultural information (e.g. rivers, country borders)
- Seismic navigation
- Bathymetry
- Well locations
- Well headers
- Well montages/well summaries
- Public domain gravity and magnetic grids
- Hyperlinks to key figures and sections
- Legacy maps from the Amoco (Technical assessment of Amoco Acreage, Offshore Sierra Leone 1987) & Mobil (Mobil exploration report 1982) reports.
- DSDP/ ODP Wells
- USGS Yet-to-find

Petroleum Digital Atlas



Structural Studies



Introduction to the Petroleum Geology and Prospectivity of Sierra Leone

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Multi-Client Technical Data, Report and Products

The **Introduction to the Petroleum Geology and Prospectivity of Sierra Leone** is a report by PDSL and ERCL on the petroleum geology and prospectivity of Sierra Leone for licensing by potential investors.

The report combines previous studies, recent interpretation by PDSL and Geotech Group regional expertise.

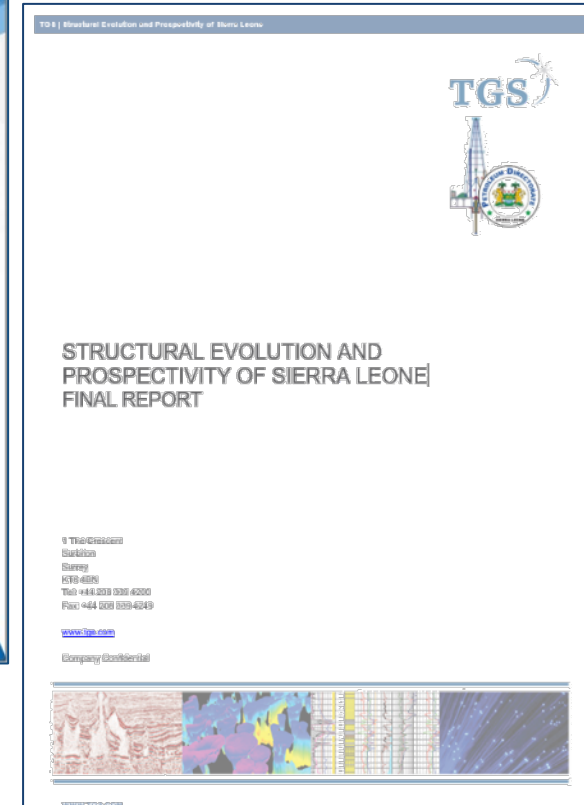
Data
Using PDSL seismic and well data, legacy reports and public domain data.

Literature Review
Review of all available academic literature, regional interpretation reports, block scale reports and well reports to synthesize an overview of the regional geology, petroleum geology and exploration history.

Petroleum Geology and Identified Play Types
A summary of the current understanding of the petroleum geology of Sierra Leone, including all the currently identified plays.

Conjugate Margins Field Analogues
Summarizing the petroleum potential and successes of the Sierra Leone conjugate margins highlighting the Sierra Leone margin in the Equatorial Atlantic Play.

Petroleum Geology & Prospectivity



STRUCTURAL EVOLUTION AND PROSPECTIVITY OF SIERRA LEONE FINAL REPORT

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Structural Evolution & Prospectivity Report

Data Rooms



The technical data available to view in the data room includes:

- Technical Presentations
- Technical Reports
- 16,000-line km of 2D seismic
- 11,000 km² of 3D seismic
- 8 well reports

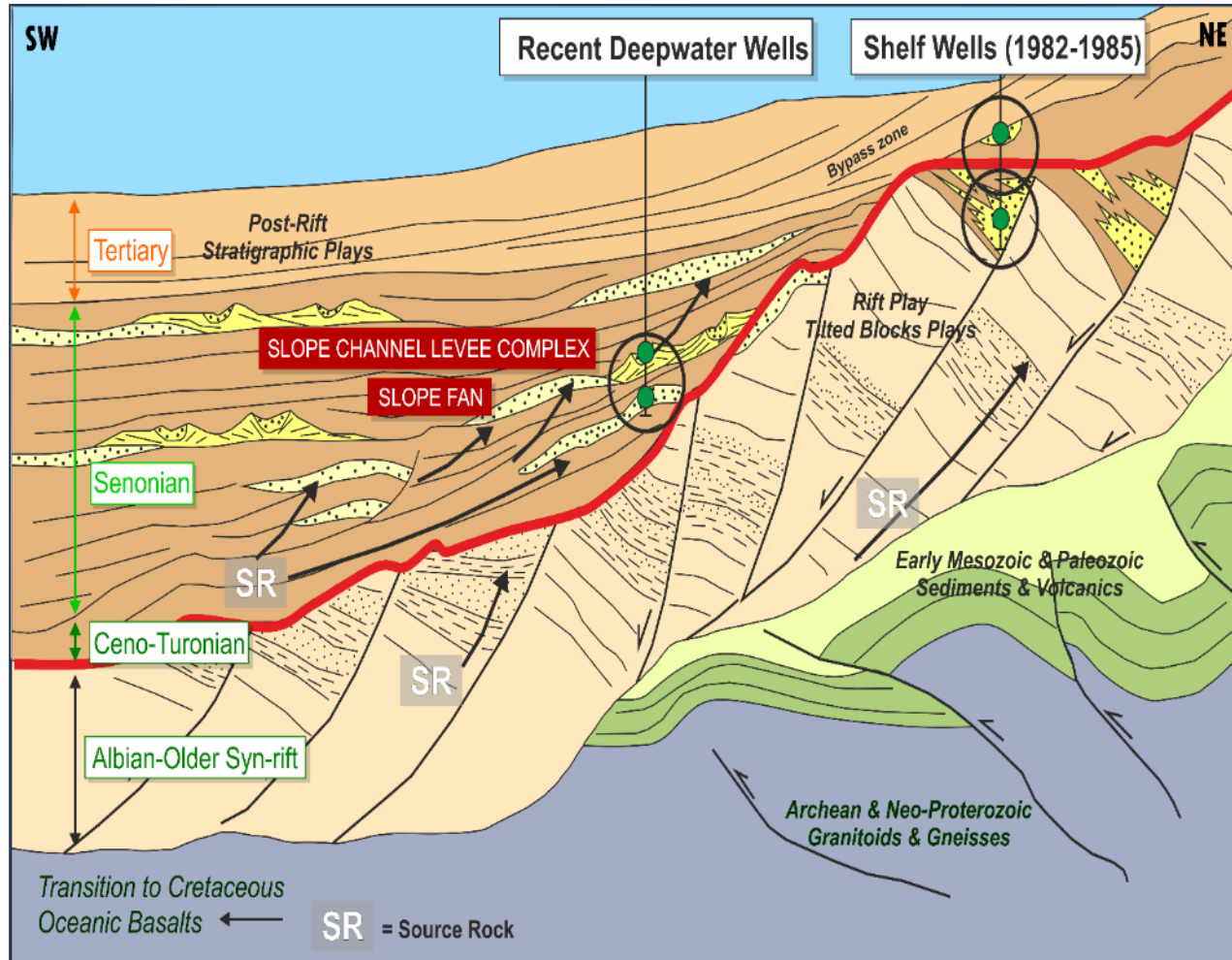


Partnership Opportunities

Onshore, Shallow Waters and
Deep Water



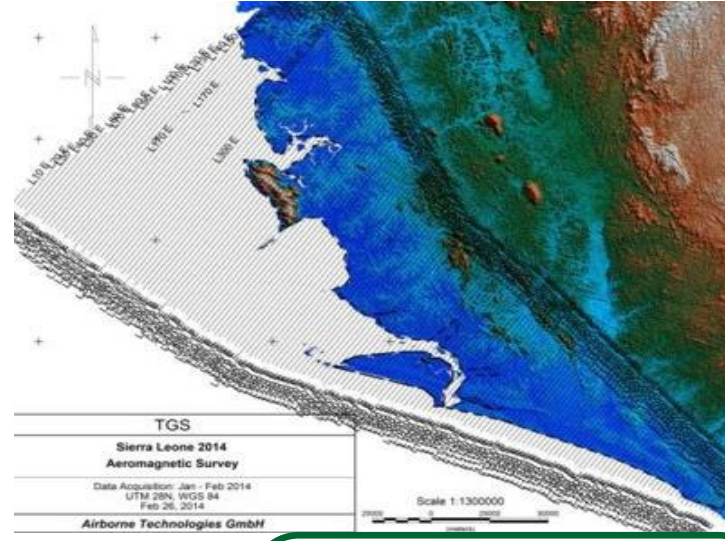
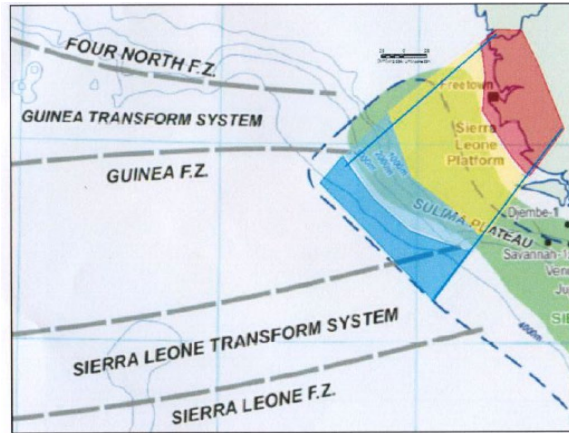
Petroleum System



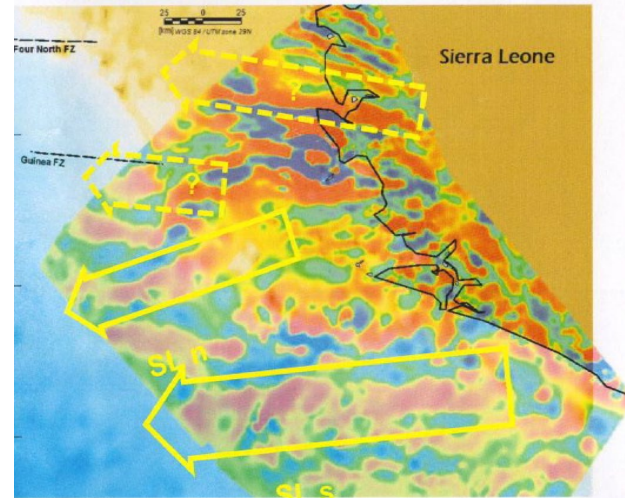
Cartoon section based on a seismic line offshore Sierra Leone showing pre-rift, syn-rift and pos-rift sections of the margin [Anadarko, 2012]

- Reservoirs
 - Basin formed in the Late Jurassic Period (146 million years ago)
 - Most proven HC basins fall in Jurassic to Cretaceous period
- Source Rocks
 - Hydrogen Index (HI):
 - SL: 482-795 (Type 2 SR)
 - Guyana: 450-613
- Total Organic Carbon (TOC):
 - SL: 4-20%
 - Guyana: 4-10% (Liza-1)
 - Source Rocks have been proven on the conjugate margin
- Traps
 - The basin has structural, stratigraphic and combination traps
- Seals
 - Lateral Transformational Shales (effective seals)

Prospectivity (On-shore)



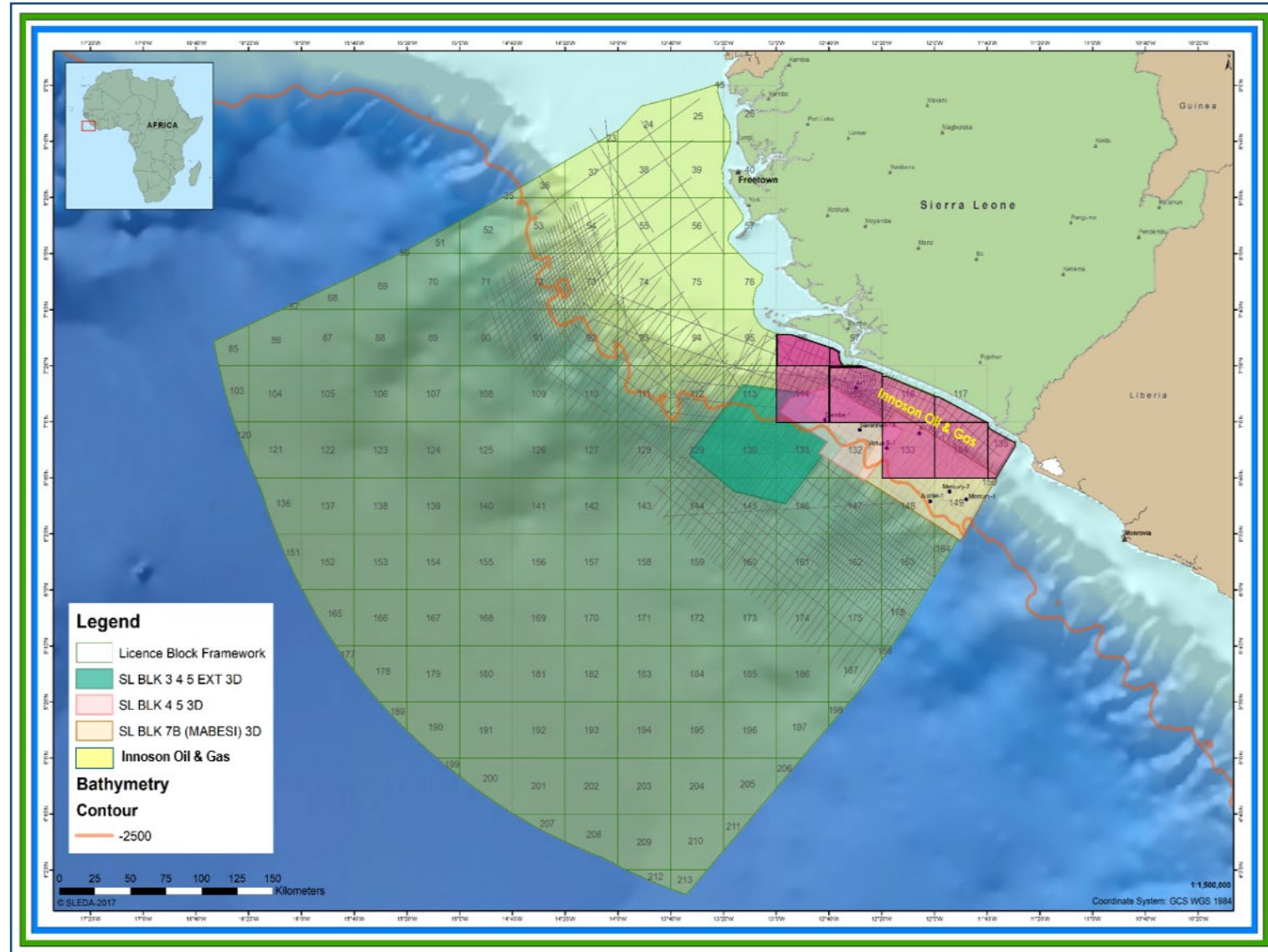
The 2013 Sierra Leone aeromagnetic survey is 24,000 km² offshore with water depths of up to 150m.



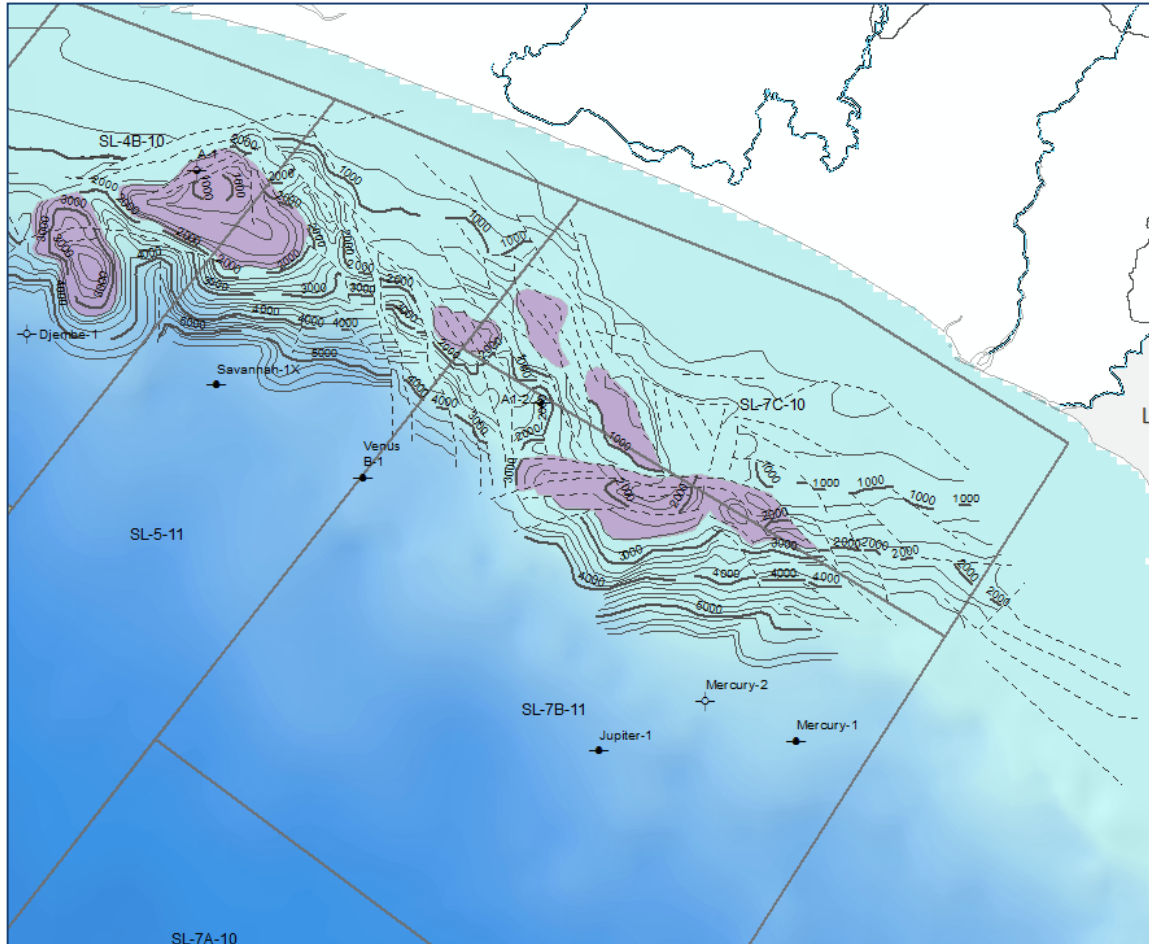
- 24,000 km² aeromagnetic survey
- Survey covers on shore and partly shallow offshore
- Prolongations of the Sierra Leone FZs onto the shelf and onshore are clearly visible as ridges in the high pass filtered magnetic merge.

Farm-in Opportunity

- Innoson Oil & Gas
- Nine Blocks
- Approximately 12,000 km²



Prospectivity (Shallow Water)

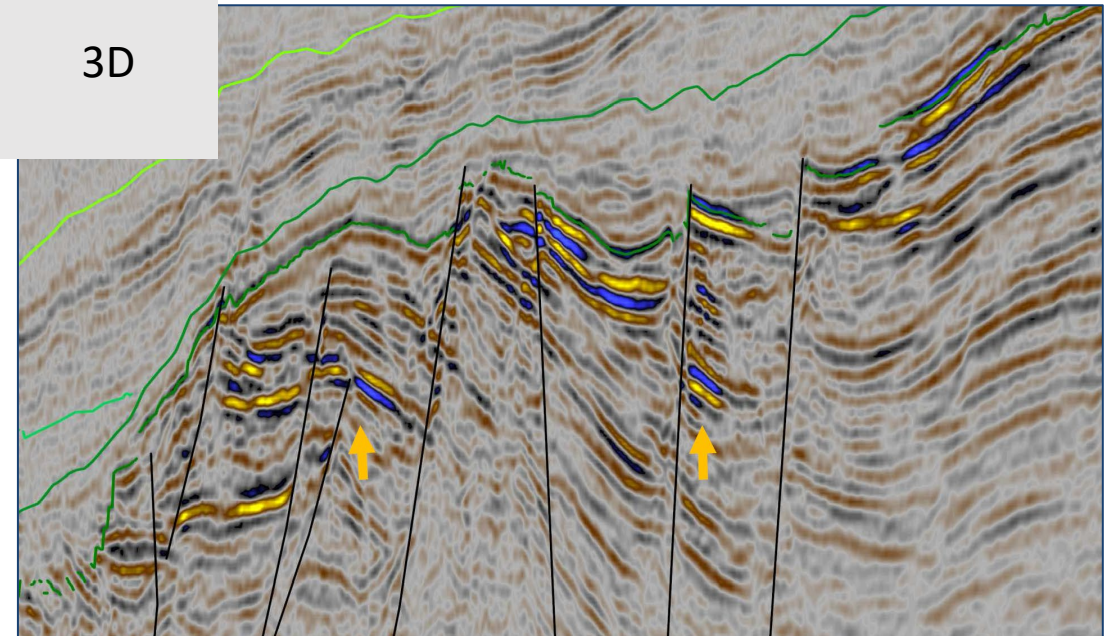


Re-digitized 80's data with ArcGIS [PDSL, 2018]

- Targets in water depths of less than **150m**
- Targets **up-dip of deep-water discoveries** [reduced drilling costs]

- Rifted fault blocks in **proximal offshore** areas
- Additional seal and traps due to Sierra Leone **Fracture zones extending onto shore**, as detected in high pass filtered magnetics.

3D

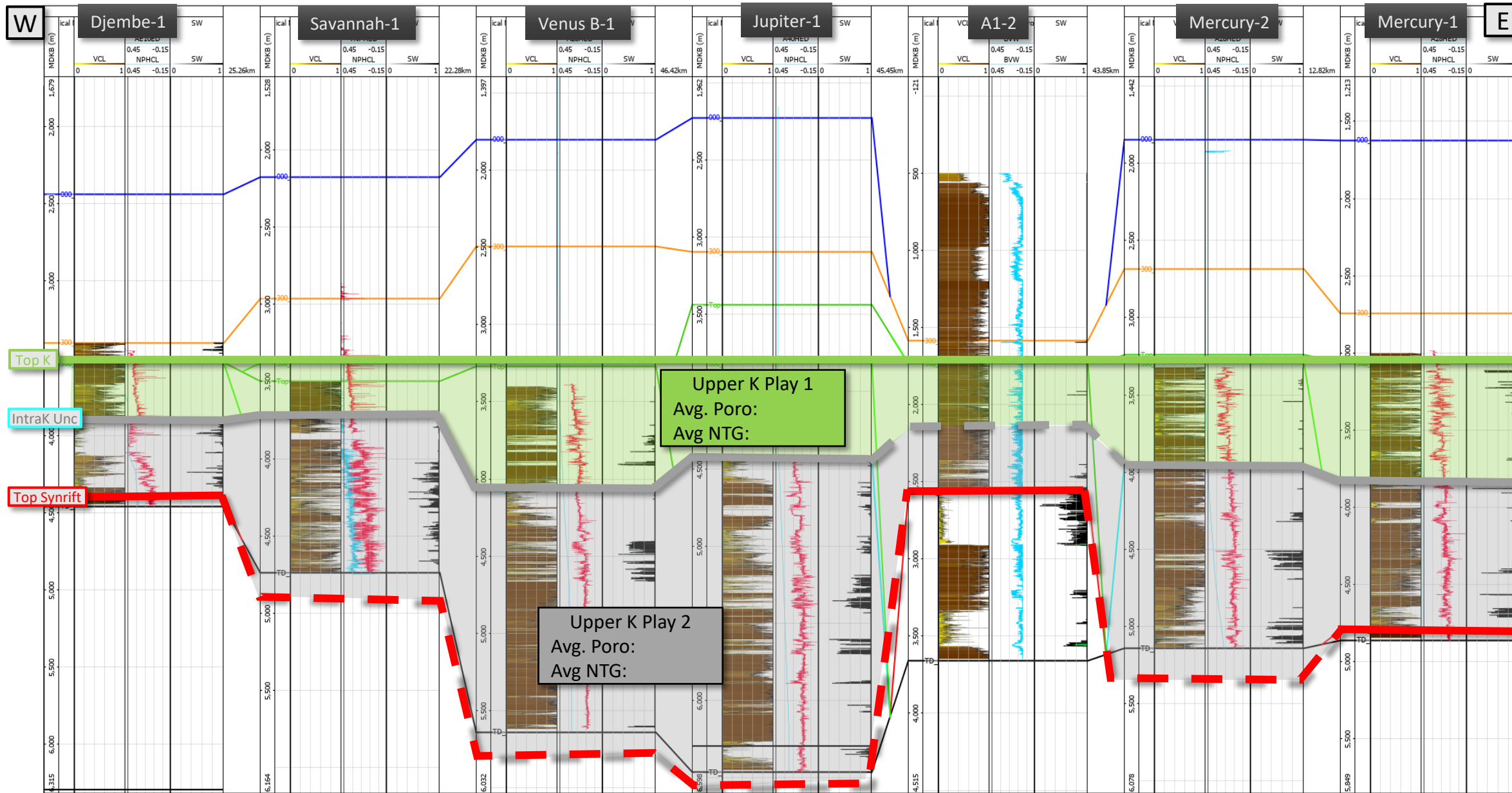


Rotated fault blocks brightening into fault seal

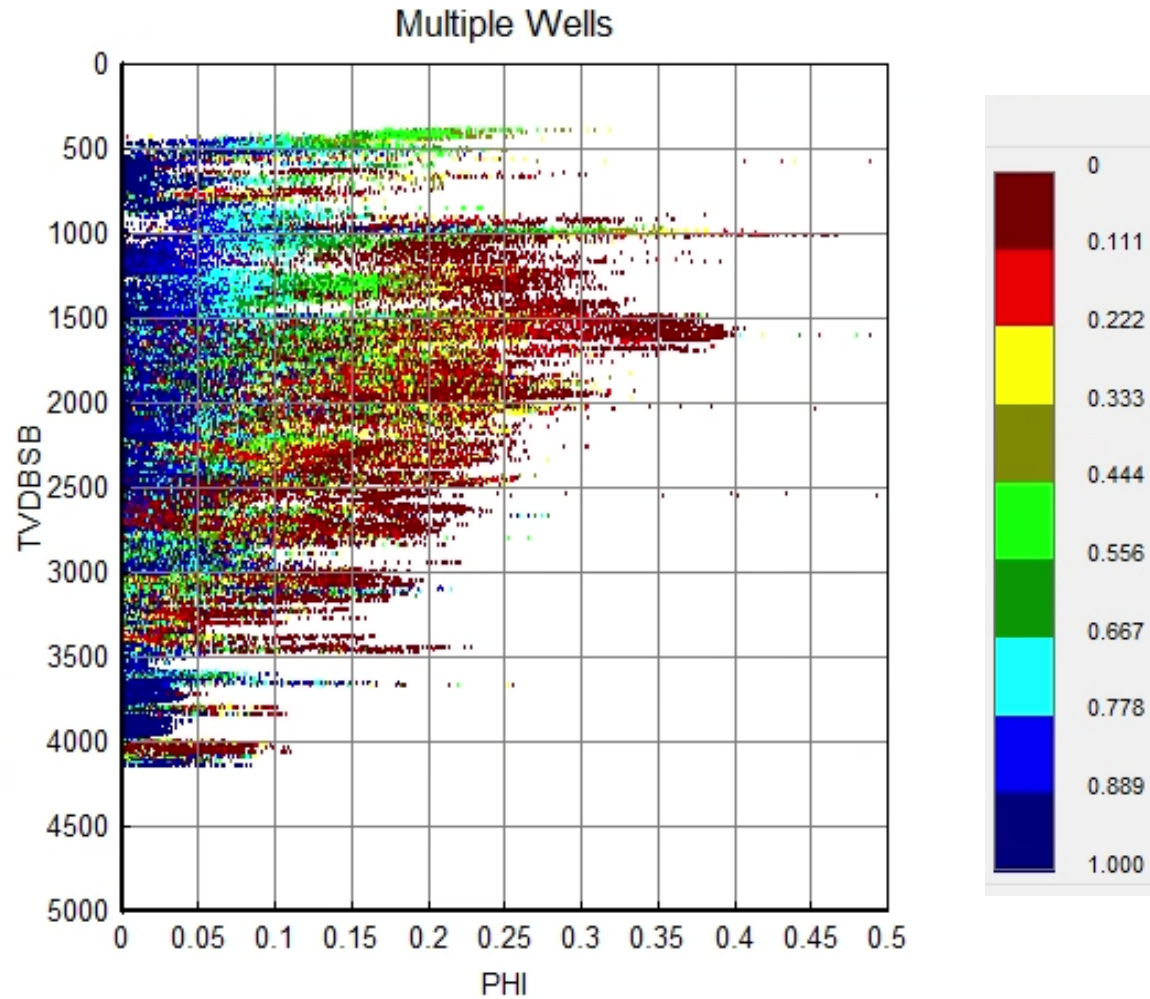


Well Correlation – proven reservoirs

Partnership Opportunities – Prospectivity



Multiwell cross plots, Porosity

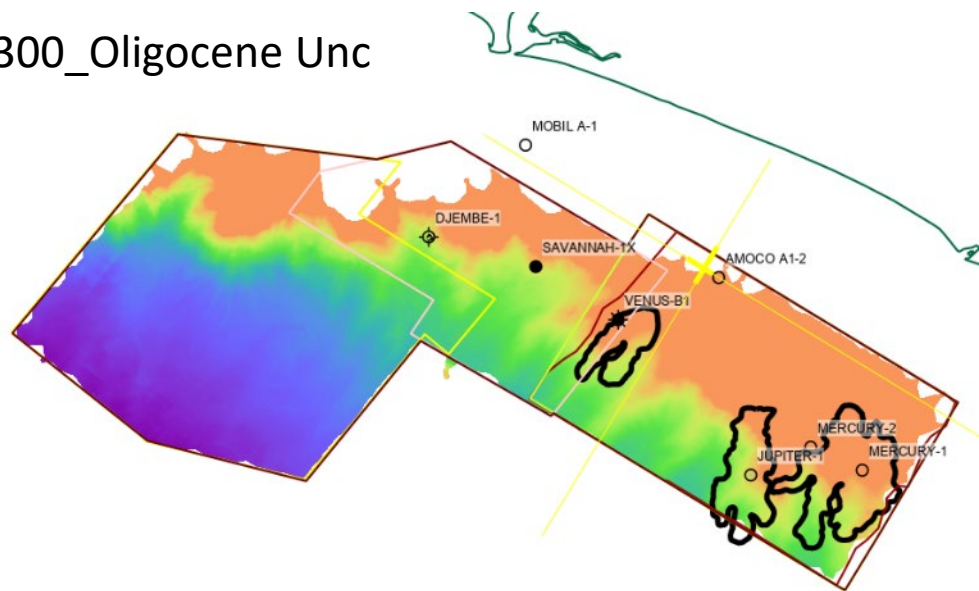


Amoco-A1-2 Djembe-1, Jupiter-1, Mercury-1, Mercury-2, Venus-1, Savannah-1, Mobil-A-1

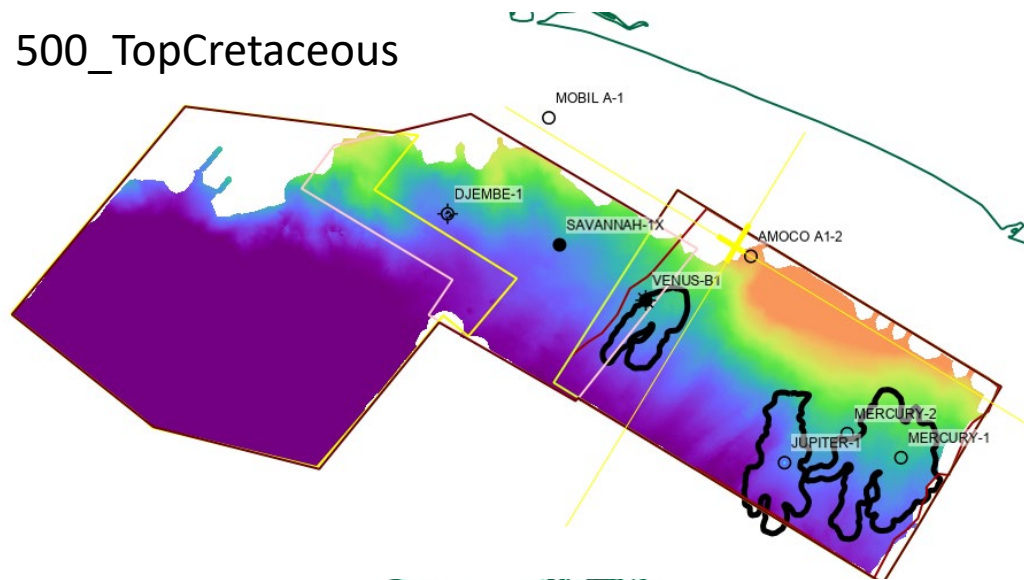
3D Regional Surfaces



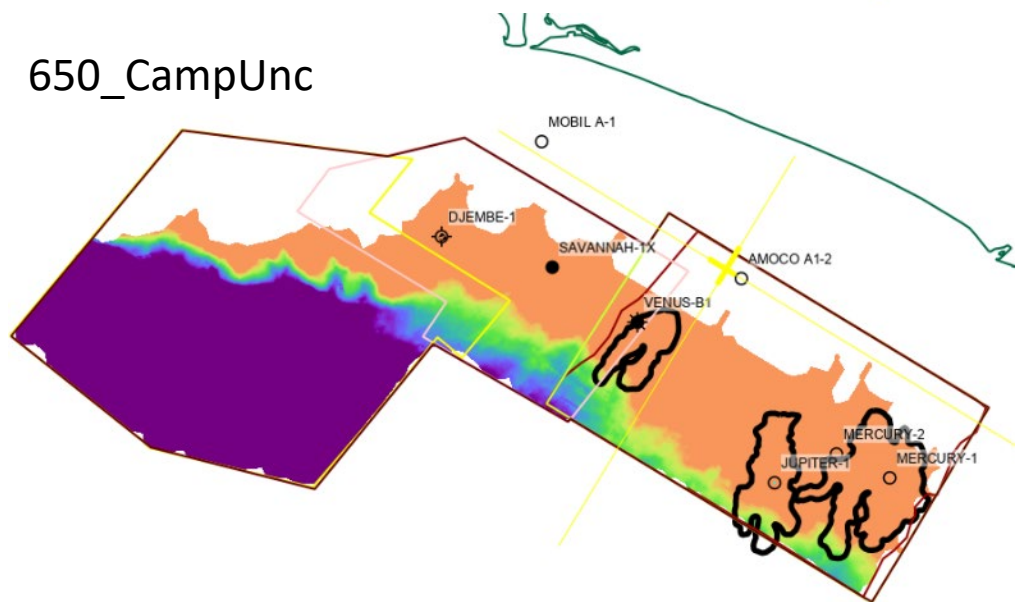
300_Oligocene Unc



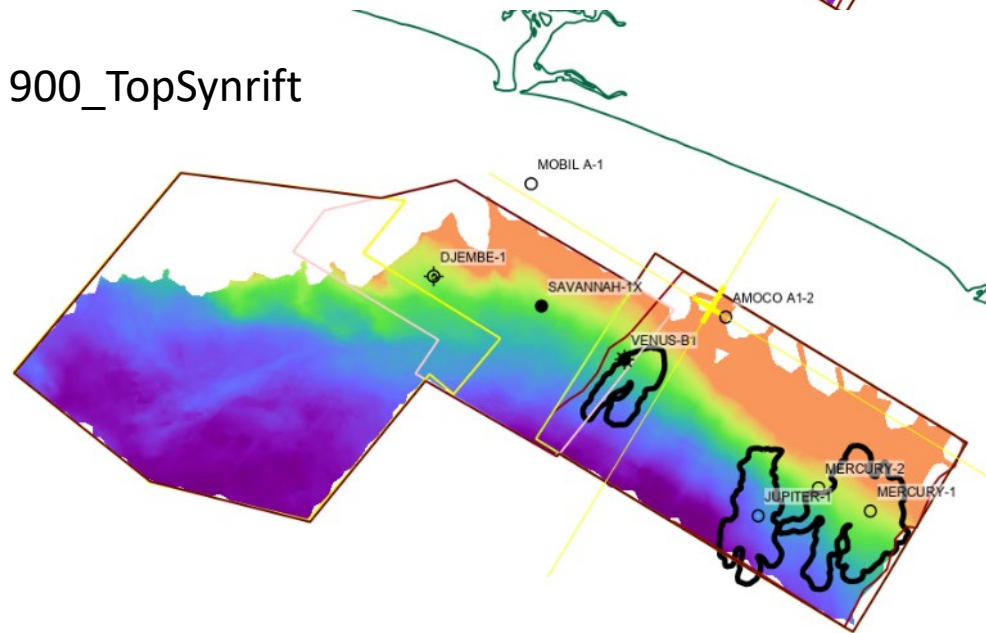
500_TopCretaceous



650_CampUnc

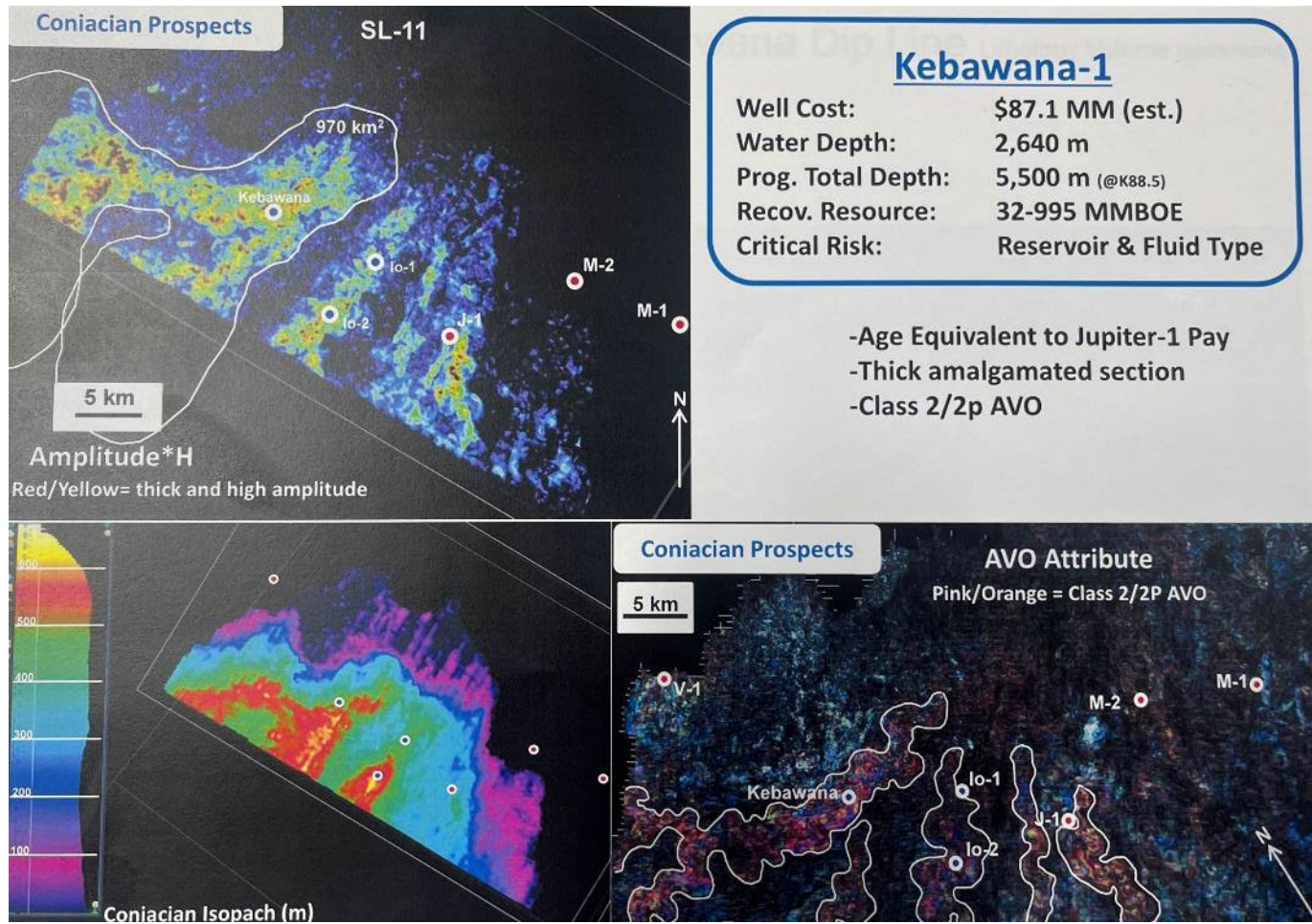


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Partnership Opportunities – Prospectivity

Upper Slope Undrilled Opportunities

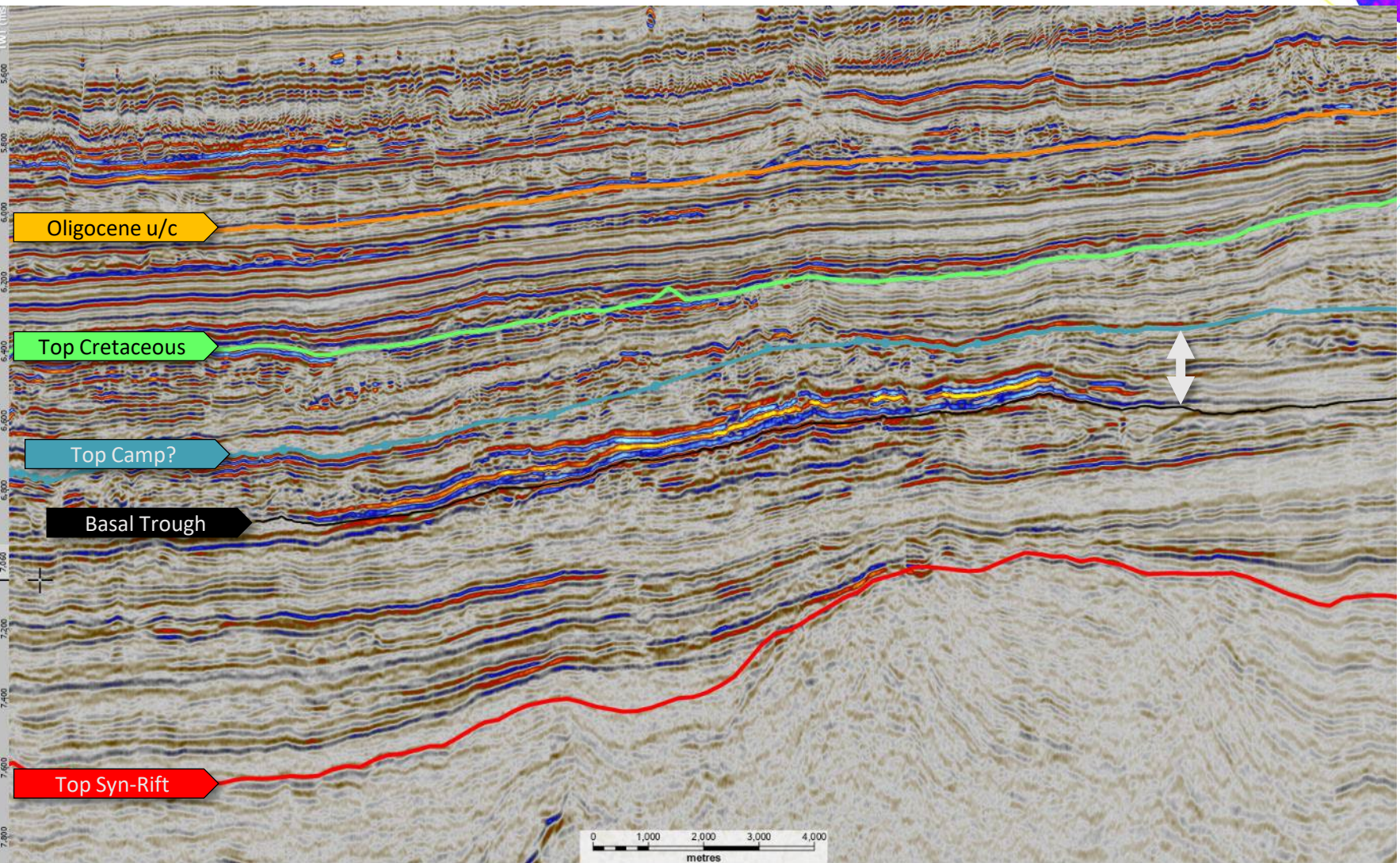
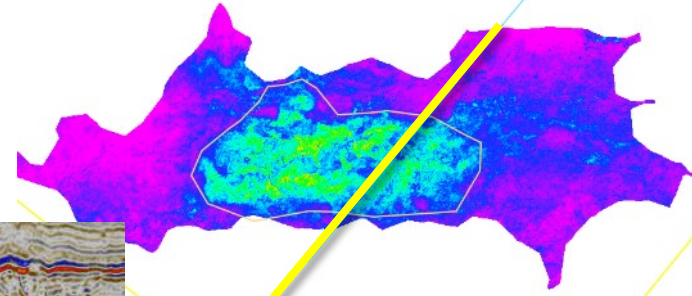


- Down-dip along strike from Jupiter-1 discovery.
- Thick amalgamated section having a potential for stacked pay
- Deeper reservoirs are closer to source and more likely to be charged
- Large prospect of 970 km²
- Resource Potential of Kebawana 32-995(P90-P10) MMBOE

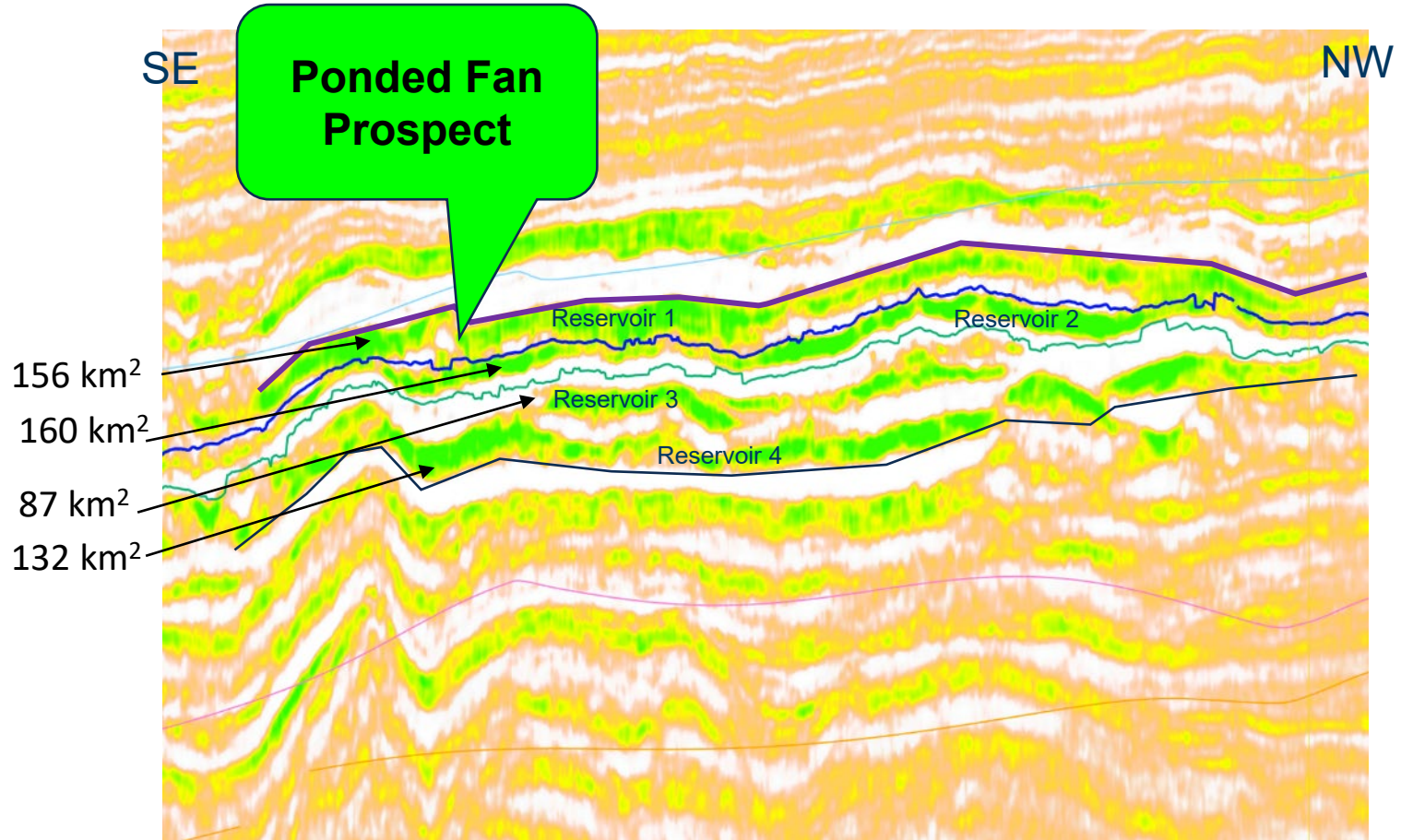
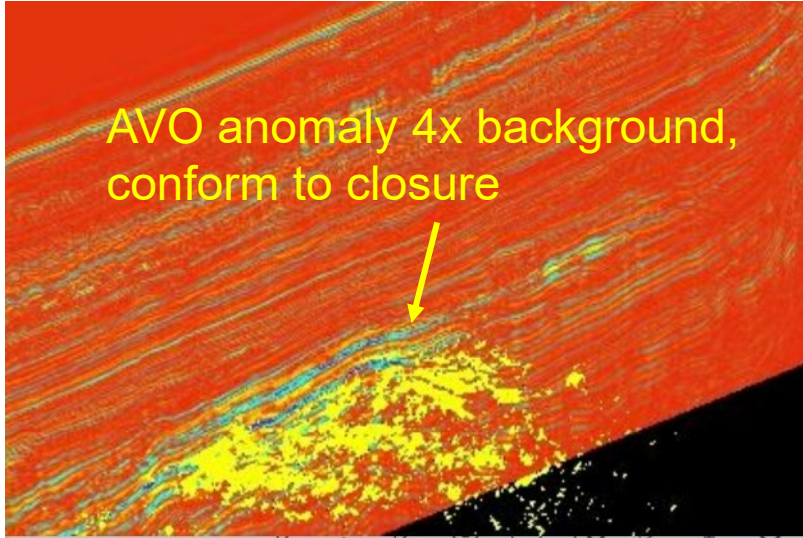
“Vega Prospect” - structure

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“Vega Prospect” – Fluid anomaly



Green colours – good chance of hydrocarbons
Yellow colour – water bearing sands

green – distinctive anomaly on intercept/gradient cross-plot



Conclusion

Proven Working Petroleum System

Extensive Data Coverage

Competitive Fiscal Regime

Favorable Legal Terms

Stable and Peaceful Political Environment

Conclusion



Data Purchase

- Technical Data is available to purchase from the Petroleum Directorate and its data brokerage partners TGS
- Further information is available on the Petroleum Directorate's websites at: www.pd.gov.sl





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