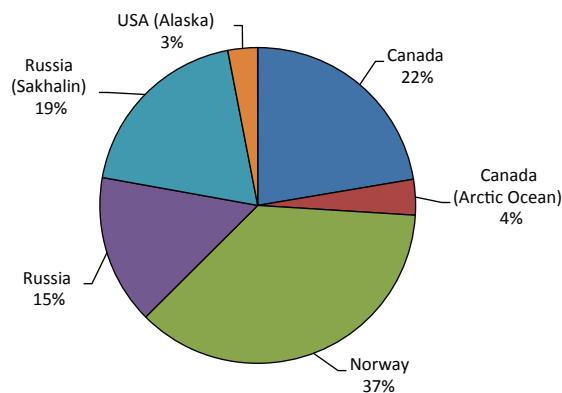


Infield Systems' new Offshore Arctic Oil and Gas Market Report To 2018 provides essential research and analysis on current and future offshore oil and gas developments within the Arctic Circle and in the three major "sub-Arctic" areas: Sakhalin Island offshore Far East Russia, the Jeanne D'Arc Basin offshore Eastern Canada (Newfoundland and Labrador), and the Cook Inlet in Alaska. The report provides a comprehensive analysis of the key market drivers, technological requirements, and environmental challenges facing the region up to 2018. It also includes detailed sector-by-sector forecasts covering all aspects of the offshore Arctic market from fixed platforms to 'Ice-Class' vessels.

Operators are being drawn to the offshore Arctic by the region's potentially vast oil and gas resources. Infield Systems' data suggests that the region holds 136.6 billion barrels of oil equivalent (Bboe) in discovered offshore reserves, with a 2008 United States Geological Survey (USGS) report indicating that there could be another 346Bboe left undiscovered.

Whilst Arctic waters are extremely rich in reserves, those resources are not distributed evenly. Infield Systems' estimates suggest that more than 116Bboe is natural gas, whilst only 17Bboe is oil. Of the region's vast gas reserves, as much as 95Bboe, or 82%, is located in Russia's high-Arctic (excluding Sakhalin Island). The potential of the offshore Arctic is, therefore, substantial. However, bringing the region's resources to production has historically been a real challenge. According to Infield Systems' data, just 33 of the 174 discovered fields have been successfully developed, representing just a tiny fraction of the region's resource potential. Those fields have also taken many years to bring to production. The average field development lag (the number of years between field discovery year and on-stream year) for the Arctic region is in excess of 13 years, the second longest in the world.

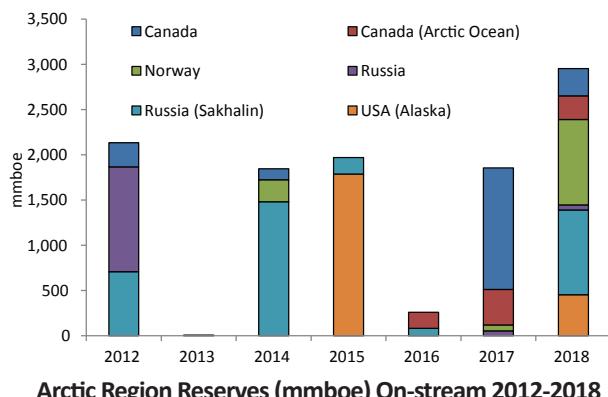


Arctic Region Capex (%) by Country 2012-2018

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Of the region's remaining undeveloped fields, many face a highly uncertain future. Infield Systems has identified 38 fields with production potential between 2012 and 2018, however, just seven are currently under development or have a 'firm plan.' This is not just because of the obvious engineering challenges posed by intense cold, ice, remoteness, and even seismic activity. It is also due to more stringent operational and environmental regulations implemented by many governments in the wake of the Deepwater Horizon disaster. New 'best-practice' obligations, such as, same season relief well capability and enhanced oil spill contingencies have substantially increased costs and logistical hurdles. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, offshore Arctic projects face increasing competition from shale gas and tight

oil plays, which often represent more attractive economics. This is not just affecting North America's Arctic developments; Gazprom's flagship Shtokman Phase One project was kicked into the long grass in August 2012, largely because it could no longer find markets for its LNG in the gas-glutted USA.



Arctic Region Reserves (mmboe) On-stream 2012-2018

Source: Infield Systems' OFFPEX

Infield Systems anticipates that offshore Arctic Capex will rise fairly steadily until 2018, although the suspension of Shtokman Phase One now means that spending in the middle of the forecast period is much lower than previously expected. Norway will command around 34% of the total offshore spend. The majority of that will come in the latter half of the forecast period on the back of the Eni-operated Goliat project as well as the development of Statoil's Askeladden, Skrugard, and Havis fields.

Next in terms of Capex, with 22% of the total, is Canada's sub-Arctic (Newfoundland and Labrador). Here Infield Systems anticipates the integration of satellite developments at Hibernia and White Rose, as well as first oil from the Hebron/Ben Nevis development.

Fields surrounding Russia's Sakhalin Island are expected to draw around 20% of total Capex. This will initially be focused on Kirinskoye (Sakhalin Three) and Arkutun Dagi (Sakhalin One), both of which are currently under development. North Chayvo (Sakhalin One) and Kirinskoye South (Sakhalin Three) should follow in 2015 and 2018 respectively. Meanwhile, approximately 18% of total Capex will be directed towards Russia's high-Arctic where the flagship Prirazlomnoye oil development and the Obskoye gas field will be brought to production.

Infield Systems anticipates that more than half of total Arctic Capex between 2012 and 2018 will be directed towards pipelines, reflecting the physical isolation of many projects in the region and the number of developments in the relatively deep waters of the Norwegian Barents Sea. Platforms will account for a further 31% of spend, with approximately 75% of this going towards fixed units.

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