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Market Update Report 2008/12

The Global Perspectives Floating Production Systems
Market Update is an in-depth independent analysis of the global
floating production system market. This is the fourth edition published
by Infield Energy Analysts and has been completely updated to include
new prospects, to provide a global five year forecast from 2008.

Report Overview:

Infield Energy Analysts forecast that capital expenditure for the floating production market will exceed \$34bn over the next five years, an increase of 25% over the previous five years. 2007 was seen as a year of consolidation, but during 2008 expenditure will reach similar record levels seen in 2006 and is expected to exceed this \$6bn record in 2009. Going forward Infield forecasts that the year on year growth will be 4.3%. It is the deep and ultra-deepwater sector that will command a significant percentage of this spend.

At the end of 2007 there were 264 operational floating production systems of which 135 were brought on line during 2003/07. Over the next five years a further 175 units are expected to be brought in to operation, including the "speculative" units which are currently in the yard, but as yet do not have an assigned project.

We expect activity in Africa to continue to dominate both numbers and expenditure in floating production as deepwater and, increasingly, shallow water activities are expected to accelerate. Future activity in Asia should establish this region as the second largest region in FPS market sector.

Activity in the FPS sector is one of the key indices of the health of the offshore industry and as a result increasing levels of investment and innovation indicate that the offshore industry will be able to extract resources from the most challenging regions.

Infield expects that as the global fleet continues to grow, opportunities for consolidation and alternative strategies for ownership and development will present themselves and we could see further structural change in the floating production sector.

These issues and the value of FPS market are discussed and detailed in length in the Global Perspectives Floating Production Market Update 2008/12 Report.

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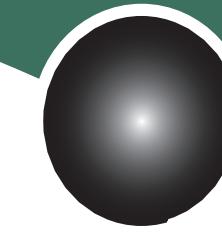
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- Quickly evaluate the region by region, country by country, sector by sector the unit spend and award forecasts to identify key business areas
- Easily compare and contrast this 2008 forecast with the previous edition to establish the key market drivers and issues effecting the global FPS market

Report Contents

- Summary & Conclusions** provides an executive overview of the global floating production system forecast in terms of units and capital expenditure value
- Global Market Context** looks at the supply and demand issues within the industry, offshore market overview, comparative analysis of the conventional and surf markets with forecast development costs of major projects. Analysis of commodity pricing, price versus activity levels analysis, geopolitical overview including discussions on operator types, including National Oil Companies
- Regional Analysis & Forecasts** provides for each region (Africa, Asia, Australasia, Europe, Latin America, Middle East & Caspian Sea and North America) an overall forecast with analysis by country, type of facility including FPSO, FPS, TLP and Spar, water depth, conversion/upgrade versus new builds and topside weight
- Component Analysis & Forecasts** provides forecasts for each element of the floating production sector
- Global Forecasts** provides a comparative analysis of this report's forecast to the 2007 forecast in the 2007/11 edition, along with review and analysis of variance in terms of activity and expenditure. All of the regional and sector forecasts are brought together to complete the global fixed platform market using conventional and alternative model profiles



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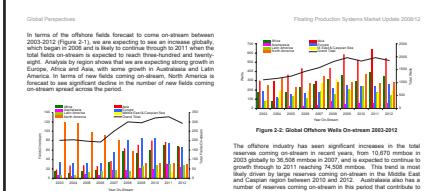


Figure 2-1: Global Offshore Wells On-stream 2002-2012
The number of wells coming on-stream globally has grown steadily since 2002 and is forecast to provide sufficient throughput to 2009, beyond which we are forecasting a consistent drilling rate of approximately 100 wells per annum. The growth is principally driven by Africa and Asia, with some additional development taking place in Europe and Latin America. The Middle East and North America are expected to remain relatively constant over the period 2008-2012, while the number of wells coming on-stream in the Americas is forecast to decline as the number of new fields coming on-stream spread across the period.

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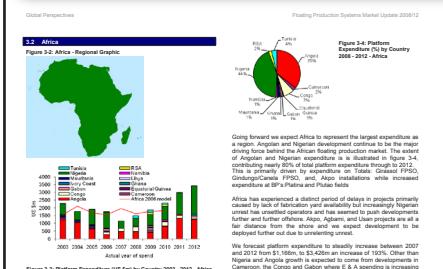


Figure 2-2: Global Platform Expenditure (\$Bn) by Country 2002-2012
The offshore industry has seen significant growth in the total reserves controlled by operators, from 10.8 billion barrels in 2002 globally to 30.5 billion barrels in 2007, and is expected to continue to rise to 40 billion barrels by 2012. This growth is primarily driven by large discoveries in the Middle East and Africa, while the number of reserves coming on-stream is the number of reserves coming on-stream in the period that contribute to the total number of reserves in 2012.

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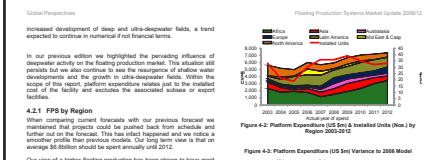


Figure 2-3: Platform Expenditure (\$Bn) by Country 2002-2012
Going forward we expect Africa to represent the largest expenditure as a region. Angolan and Nigerian development continue to be the main driver of expenditure in the region, as is illustrated in figure 3-4. This is primarily driven by expenditure on Total's Deepwater Tethys field. We also expect significant growth in the Nigerian oil and gas sector, particularly in the deepwater and ultra-deepwater development at BP's Platina and Platina fields.

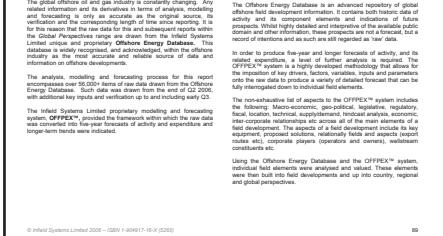
We forecast platform expenditure to steadily increase between 2007 and 2012, with the exception of a slight dip in 2009. This is due to the fact that Nigeria and Angola growth is expected to come from developments in the deepwater and ultra-deepwater sectors. Spending is increasing from nearly non-existent levels just 3 years ago.

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Figure 2-4: Platform Expenditure (\$Bn) Variance to 2006 Model
Over 50% of expenditure until 2012 is divided between Africa and Latin America, accounting for 35% and 19% respectively. North America and Europe account for 13% and 10% respectively. The remaining 14% is split between the Middle East and Asia, with Australia and Australia accounting for 13% and 7% respectively.

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This Report

This report concentrates on key market information within the sector. The fundamental aim is to provide the headline information, figures and statistics required to understand the main drivers, size and value of the various elements that make it up.

This report is designed as a business tool and as such makes no apologies for its forthright style.

Outline structure of Report

The early chapters of the report scrutinises the Regions and Key Sectors, whilst the final chapter summarises the report with the reiteration of our main global forecasts.

Clarity & Terminology

Within the context of this report a consistent set of terms is used to ensure clarity, consistency and comparability. The most important of these are:

Deepwater – fields or development activity in water depths $\geq 500\text{m}$.

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With the purchase of *Global Perspectives – Floating Production Systems*, free access to **Floating Productions Systems Online** for a twelve-month period is included. **Floating Productions Systems Online** is a website service which provides information on the fields utilizing floating production systems which are now under development, or which are planned and possible for the 2008-2012 period. This service details key information about each project including; field name, on-stream date, field location, water depth, reserves, production rates, field life, facility type and well numbers, operator names, addresses and contact details.

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The base data used in this study relate to fields utilising a floating production system which were brought into production over the 2003-2007 period, or which are currently under development, planned or possible for the period 2008-2012. We refer to fields in the historic period as '**projects**' and to those in the future period as '**prospects**'. It is important to differentiate between basic field information (prospects) and the market information '**forecasts**'. The methodology used to derive these forecasts from the Offshore Energy Database is contained within the OFFPEX™ modelling and forecasting system, outlined below.

The information on the floating production projects and prospects, and their associated development hardware, was taken from the Infield database on during Q2 2006. Data given elsewhere in the text are drawn from a wide range of publications, national and international statistics and internal analysis by Infield Systems. Where appropriate, the relevant source has been cited. This information has been supplemented by our own contacts with operators, contractors and suppliers worldwide.

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- **Competitor analysis & monitoring**
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- **Subsea Structures**
- **Pipelines**
- **Control Lines**
- **Single Point Moorings**
- **Onshore Terminals, LNG & GTL Plants**
- **Operators**
- **Field Ownership**
- **Specialty Vessels Database**

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- **Floating Production Market Update**
- **Subsea Production Market Update**
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