LEGAL & ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF PRODUCTION SHARING CONTRACTS

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**Module One:** 2-Day Legal Analysis of PSCs Terms & Issues (Mr Tom Valentine)

**Module Two:** 3-Day Economic & Fiscal Analysis of PSCs (Dr Pedro Van Meurs)

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**What will this course cover?**
This course will analyze in depth the key legal, fiscal and commercial aspects of Production Sharing Contracts. These complex agreements have often a number of fiscal formulas. This means understanding the way they work is crucial to ensure a smooth contract implementation. By utilizing a powerful economic model, participants will be able to carry out in-depth computer analysis of 35 countries around the world and enhance their understanding of Production Sharing Contracts.

**What will you learn?**
- Engage in thorough analysis of PSC’s, which will aid in your negotiation or evaluation process
- Learn the main PSC fiscal terms and ensure project commercial success
- Benchmark successful PSC agreements from around the world and understand the pitfalls to avoid
- Enhance your ability to manage the implementation of PSC’s
- Learn the right PSC risk management strategies to ensure a successful project

**Who will benefit?**
- Government officials
- Country managers & external affairs
- Managers
- CEOs & CFOs
- Tax advisers & fiscal issues planners
- Legal counsels
- License administrators
- Negotiators
- Executive strategy & planning managers
- Commercial advisers
- Accountants
- Business development & corporate
- New ventures managers
- Engineers & geophysicists
- Lawyers
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Day 1  Module One: Legal Aspects of PSCs

Exploration & Production of Hydrocarbons in Brazil

The Constitution, the Legislation and the Regulations.
The Regulation of Oil & Gas Activities: Administration in Brazil.
An overview of risks to the State: Risk Identification and Mitigation.

➢ Minimum Work Programme
➢ Counter-Party Risk: Joint & several liability &
➢ Performance and Fiscal Guarantees
➢ Unitisation
➢ Good Oilfield Practices
➢ Abandonment and Decommissioning Risks

Title to Natural Resources

➢ Concepts & terms: Understanding ownership & transfer of title
➢ The concept of in situ mineral ownership
➢ The Concessionary Model (an overview of Brazil)
➢ Production Sharing Contracts (the new model agreement)

Production Sharing Contracts in Brazil: A detailed Examination of the Agreement

Clause 1: Definitions
Clause 2: Purpose of the Agreement
Clause 3: Contract Area
Clause 4: Duration
Clause 5: Cost Recovery in Oil
Clause 6: Royalties
Clause 7: Expenses Qualified as Research and Development and Innovation
Clause 8: Taxes
Clause 9: Sharing of the Profit Oil
Clause 10: Exploration Phase
Clause 11: Financial Guarantee of Exploratory Activities
Clause 12: Discovery and Evaluation
Clause 13: Declaration of Commerciality
Clause 14: Production Phase
Clause 15: Development Plan
Clause 16: Date of Commencement of Production and Annual Production Schedules
Clause 17: Measurement and Availability of Production Sharing
Clause 18: Individualization of Production
Clause 19: Implementation by the Consortium Members
Clause 20: Control of Operations and Assistance by ANP and the Contractor

Day 2  Module One: Legal Aspects of PSCs

Day 3  Module Two: Economic Aspects of PSCs

Discussion of Course Advanced Software
- Inputs, outputs, price and cost sensitivity

PSC - Introduction
- The original Indonesian Model
- Use of PSCs in various countries
- Profit Oil, fixed and sliding scales
- Cost Oil, cost limits and cost calculation
- Production and valuation of production
- Payments in kind and in cash
- Interest recovery

Use of Bonuses and Rentals in PSCs
- Signature and Production Bonuses
- Rentals
- Recovery of Bonuses and Rentals

Government Take analysis
- Reference Case
- Analysis of the PSC of the Philippines
- Government Take analysis
- Level of Government Take – Introduction

PSCs and Geological Risk
- Geographical Risk Sharing
- Geographical Risk Sharing Index
- GRSI and Corporate Income

PSCs and Timing of Government Take
- Front End and Back End Loading
- Front End Loading Index

Sharing of Resource Wealth
- Progressive, regressive and neutral systems
- Volume, price a cost progressivity
- World overview of resource wealth sharing concepts
- Progressivity concepts in PSCs

Volume Progressivity
- Volume progressivity per field or contract area
- Styles of volume progressivity
- Analysis of daily production scale of Liberia
- Analysis of cumulative production scale of Nigeria
Module Two: Economic Aspects of PSCs

Day 4

Price Progressivity
- Windfall profit style features with profit oil, Malaysia
- Price caps, Pakistan
- Analysis of PSC with volume and price progressive scales of Trinidad and Tobago
- Daily well production and price progressive scale of Brazil Pre-Salt

Cost Progressivity
- Uplifts, Angola, deemed interest, China
- Excess cost oil, Analysis of the PSC of Egypt

Profit Progressivity
- IRR based concepts, Russia – Sakhalin, Azerbaijan
- Analysis of IRR scale of Angola, Mexico
- R-factor scales, Nigeria, Iraq (Kurdistan)
- Analysis of R-factor scale of Azerbaijan

Main types of PSCs considering other fiscal features-Overview
- 12 different types of PSCs

PSCs with Royalties
- Fixed royalties
- Regional differentiation of royalties, Nigeria
- Sliding scale based on volume, Vietnam

Other sliding scales, Pakistan, Guatemala

Analysis of PSC of Syria

PSCs with Corporate Income Tax
- Consolidation and Ring-fencing
- Gross revenue determination
- Deduction of payments to government and bonuses
- Deduction of operating costs and capital costs
- Deduction of interest and loss carry forward, uplifts

Inter-action of PSCs and Corporate Income Tax, Egypt, Cote d'Ivoire, Indonesia, China, Nigeria

Analysis of PSC of China

Analysis of PSC of Nigeria

PSCs and JOAs
- JOA discussion, Carried Interest
- Fixed carried interests: Indonesia, Gabon, Malaysia, China
- Participation Options
- PSCs and JOA styles

Analysis of PSC of Azerbaijan

Analysis of PSC of Gabon

Analysis of PSC of Libya

Day 5

PSCs and Windfall Profit Features
- Windfall profit features

PSCs and Export Duties
- Export Duties
- Analysis of PSC of Vietnam
- Analysis of PSC of Malaysia

PSCs and Resource Taxes

Resource Taxes, Tanzania, Timor Leste

Resource Wealth Sharing (detailed)
- PSC examples of volume progressivity
- PSC examples of price progressivity
- PSC examples of cost progressivity

World PSC oil production
- Review of world PSC oil production

Fiscal Health
- Encouraging maximum resource recovery
- Encouraging cost efficiency
- Gold Plating

Analysis of PSC of Angola
- Encouraging market price efficiency

Comprehensive Fiscal/Economic Analysis
- Detailed analysis of Pre-Salt PSC of Brazil with discussion of pre-salt production and cost economics

Accounting Procedures
- Organization, Chart of Accounts
- Non-recoverable costs
- Revenue credits
- Cost Allocation
- Cost Control Procedures
- Abandonment Costs

New Models
- The gross split contract of Indonesia
- The gross revenue contract of India

Fiscal Stability
- Open ended and fixed systems
- Components of fiscal terms
- Methods to enhance fiscal stability

Level of Government Take
- Mechanism to determine the level of government take
- Factors influencing the level of government take
- Rating of PSCs

PSCs for Oil and for Gas
- Profit gas and cost gas definitions
- Separate terms for oil and gas
- Trend towards more attractive gas terms
- Gas pricing mechanisms
- Ratings of PSCs for Gas

World Rating of PSCs for Oil
- Overview of world rating for PSCs for Oil

Booking of Reserves
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Senior Partner: Energy
Practicing as a Partner with Norton Rose Canada (previously Macleod Dixon) Tom has more than 25 years of experience in the oil and gas industry, both as a barrister and as a solicitor.

Tom’s focus is on international energy projects, with a particular emphasis on gas and LNG. In 2002 and 2003 Tom and his family lived in Doha, Qatar, where Tom was Senior Counsel (Projects) with Qatar Petroleum, the national oil and gas company for the State of Qatar. While in Qatar Tom acted for Qatar Petroleum, as well as both Qatargas and RasGas.

Since returning to Canada Tom has continued his work on LNG projects around the globe. He has advised both governments and project sponsors on LNG projects in Canada, the U.S.A., Peru, Cyprus, India, Australia, Uruguay, Nigeria, Yemen, the UAE, and Iran.

Tom also offers three and four day training seminars around the world on LNG Contract Law and LNG Project Structuring appearing regularly in Doha, Dubai, London, Houston, Brazil and Singapore.

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Law school L.L.M., London School of Economics, 1989
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Speaking engagements
- "World Legal Systems for Repsol: 4-day Course" (course leader), London Petro Academy, London, 23-26 April 2018
- "Gas and LNG Contract and Negotiations: 5-day Course" (course leader), London Petro Academy, London, 27 Nov - 1 December
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- "Oil & Gas Tendering & Contracts: 3-day Course" (course leader), London Petro Academy - In-House for SONATRACH & ALNAFT Algeria, 16-20 September 2016 and 23-25 October 2016.
- "Production Sharing Contracts – Advanced Master Class for Petrobras: 5-day Course" (course leader), CWC School for Energy, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 29-July 3, 2015.
- "Production Sharing Contracts: 3-day Course" (course leader), CWC School for Energy, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, May 27-29, 2015.
- "NAPE" (North American Prospect Expo) (key speaker and presenter), Houston, Texas, February 10-11, 2015.
- "Gas & LNG Contracts: 2-day Course" (course leader), CWC School for Energy, Doha, Qatar, January 21-22, 2015.
- "Gas & LNG Contracts: 3-day Course" (course leader), CWC School for Energy, Singapore, December 3-5, 2014.
- "Production Sharing Contracts: 3-day Course" (course leader), CWC School for Energy, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, October 6-10, 2014.

Publications

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During the last 40 years Pedro has worked on fiscal oil and gas issues with more than 80 governments around the world.

Born:
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1970 PhD (Cum Laude) Economic Geology
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English, French, Dutch, Spanish and some German and Russian

Professional Associations:
Royal Geological and Mining Society of the Netherlands
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Employment History:
1974 - to date, President of Van Meurs & Associates Limited and subsequently, Van Meurs Corporation

Honorary Appointment:
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Books:
1971, 'Petroleum Economics and Offshore Mining Legislation'
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Publications:
Most recent publication: 'World Fiscal Systems for Oil' - 2002

Training Courses:
Provides yearly a course in London and Singapore for London Petro Academy in World Fiscal Systems for Oil and Gas. Also provides yearly in-house courses for Shell and Statoil.

Conference Organization:
Organized and co-authored publications for several conferences:
- 'Natural Gas Clauses in Petroleum Arrangements', UNCTC 1985, Bangkok, Thailand

Major Accomplishments:
- Negotiated terms and conditions of the provincial offshore leases of Newfoundland (1974-80) and is currently assisting in developing new fiscal terms for gas
- Negotiated Inuvialuit Final Agreement (1976 - 84), one of Canada's largest aboriginal land claims settlements
- Was key advisor to the Chinese National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) (1980 - 84), in preparation of model contract and organization of bidding rounds.
- Was main author of the first comprehensive Canadian energy policy document 'An Energy Policy for Canada', 1974
- Was main consultant in Thailand for the redrafting of the Thai petroleum law and fiscal system (1979 - 1987)
- Was chief consultant on the reorganization of the petroleum sector in Guatemala (1975 - 80)
- Was key contributor to the petroleum diagnostic study for Gabon (1991 - 1993)
- Was advisor with respect to the drafting of the Law on Concessions and Production Sharing Contracts in Russia (1992 - 1993)
- Was President of IPC, a small Alberta petroleum company, increasing production from 350 to 4000 barrel of oil per day equivalent between 1987 and 1993, entirely from cashflow.
- Was main advisor with respect to the new petroleum law in Bolivia (1994 - 1996) and the related capitalization of YPFB
- Is currently chief economic advisor to KOC with regard to determining fiscal terms for the North Kuwait oil fields
- Was main economic consultant for PEMEX on the Multiple Services Contracts.
- Was lead economic advisor on the Alaska Pipeline Project and PPT legislation.
- Was senior economic advisor on the implementation of the PRT law in Algeria.