## **Current Petroleum Activities in South Africa**



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### **O**UTLINE

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## PETROLEUM AGENCY SA

- **1. Promotes and regulates** all upstream activities onshore and offshore
  - **2. Custodian of the national** petroleum exploration and production **database**.



### **PERMITS**

### **Reconnaissance Permit**

Allows holder to acquire multiclient geo-physical data by conducting speculative surveys i.e. seismic, multi beam bathymetry, airborne surveys.

(Valid for 12 months, not transferable or renewable, not exclusive, Holders receives exclusive right to market and sell data for a maximum period of 10 years)

## **Technical Co-operation Permit:**

Allows holder to undertake desktop study of the area

(Valid for 12 months, not transferable or renewable, holder has exclusive right to apply for Exploration right)



## **RIGHTS**

### **Exploration Right:**

Allows holder to explore for petroleum and produce for testing purposes subject to Minister's written permission

- Valid for initial period of 3 years and renewable for 3 periods of 2 years each (9 years in total);
- Transferable subject to Minister's written permission;
- It's exclusive and holder has exclusive right to apply for Production Right.

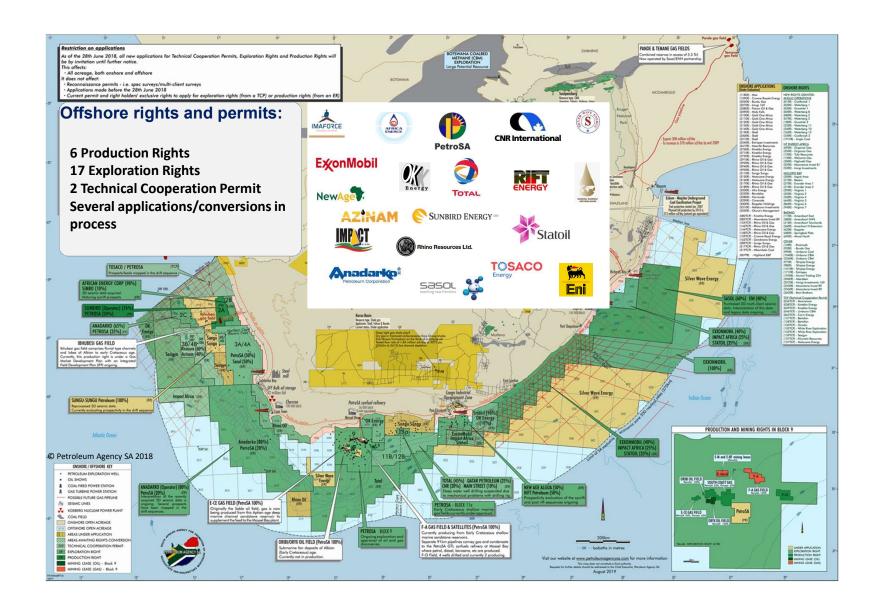
### **Production Right:**

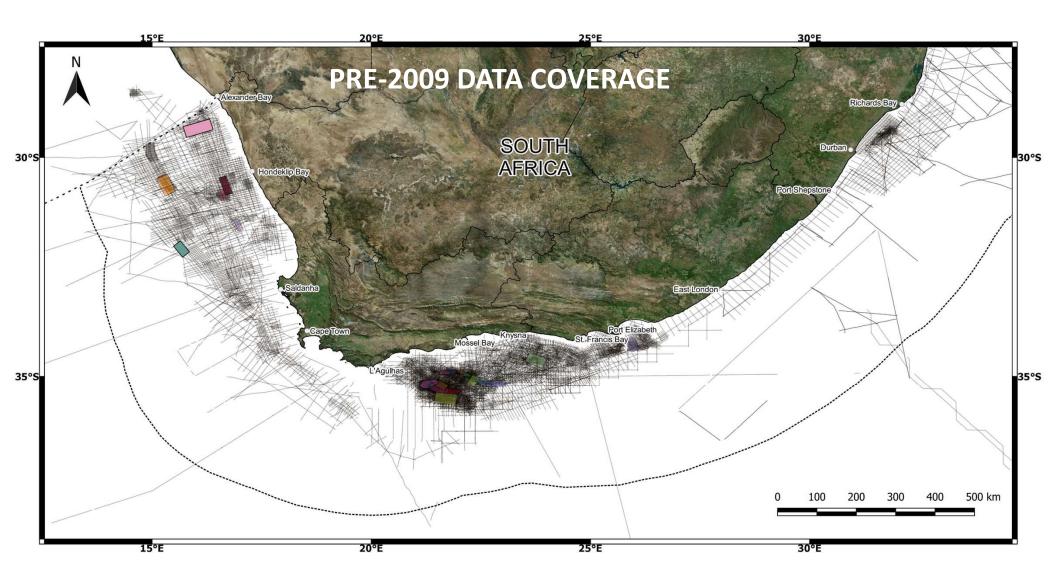
Allows holder to produce petroleum

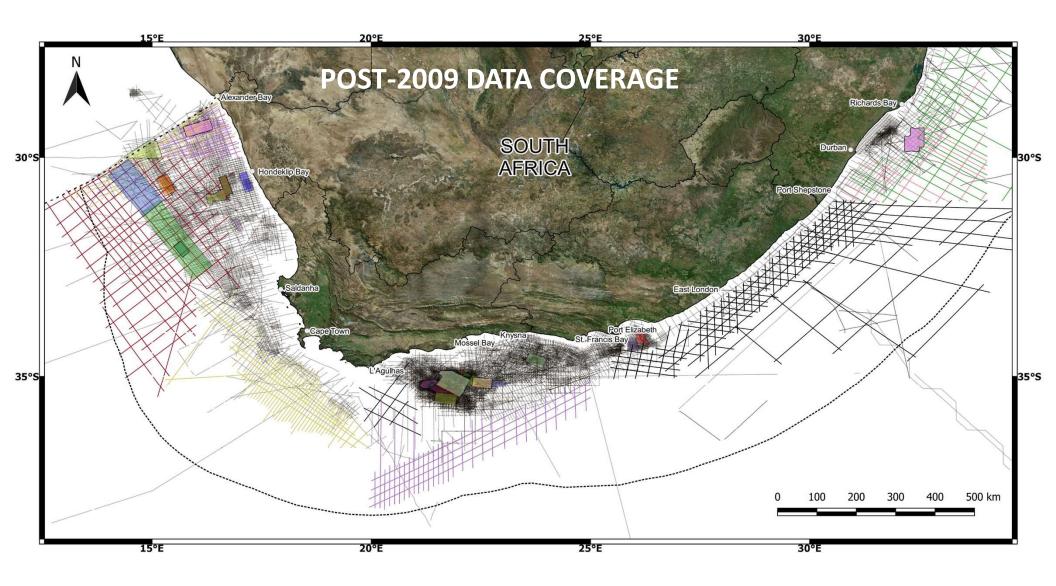
- Valid for initial period of 30 years and renewable for further periods not exceeding 30 years each;
- Transferable subject to Minister's written permission;
- It's exclusive and holder has exclusive right to apply for renewal.

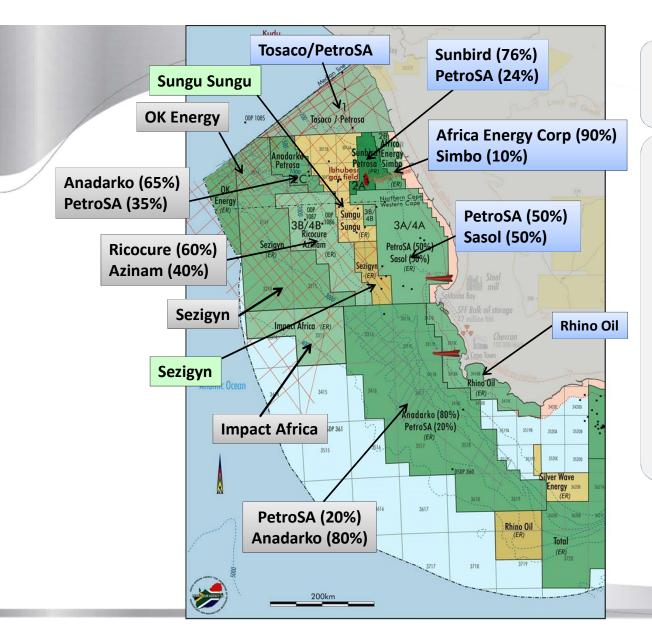


# OFFSHORE SA EXPLORATION ACTIVITY AND DEVELOPMENTS









### **WEST COAST**

### Rights and major operators

- Shallow-water AEC, Simbo, Sasol, Rhino Oil, Tosaco
- Sunbird Production right around Ibhubesi
- Mid-Basin Sungu Sungu and Sezigyn
- Deep-water Ricocure,
   Sezigyn, Impact
- Southern basin Anadarko and PetroSA



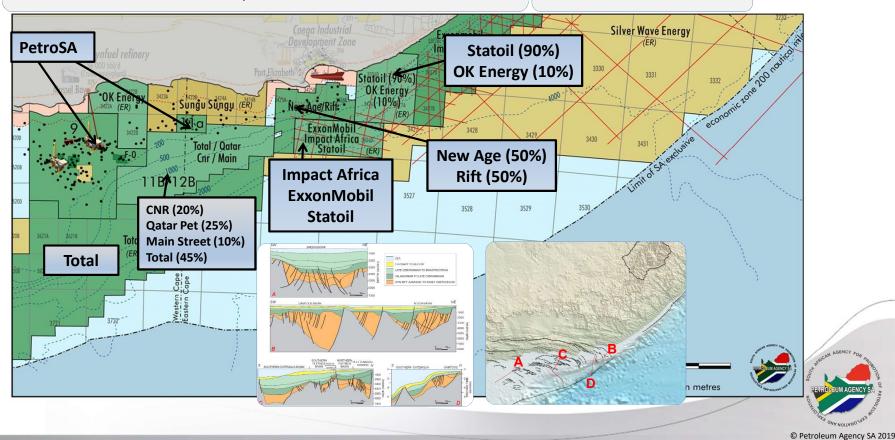
### **GREATER OUTENIQUA BASIN**

## Bredasdorp, Pletmos, Gamtoos, Algoa and Southern Outeniqua sub-basins

PetroSA, NewAge with Rift Petroleum, ExxonMobil with Impact, Sungu Sungu and OK Energy and Statoil in shallower waters.

Total, CNR, Silverwave in the deep water

## SOUTH COAST



### SOUTH COAST DEEPWATER DRILLING





Total 45%Qatar Petroleum 25% CNR 20% Main Street 10% Drilling first 1/4 2019 – Odfjell's Deepsea Stavanger

Block 11B/12B:

### **Brulpadda Discovery**

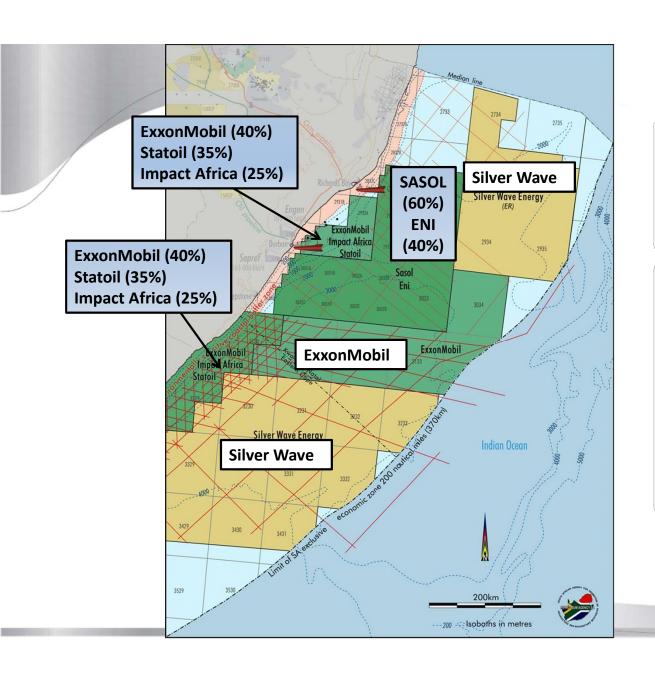
175 km offshore to the south east of Mossel Bay

Well: Brulpadda-1AX Status: Successful

Reservoir: 57 m of gas condensate

Well depth: 3 633 m





## **E**AST **C**OAST

## Rights and major operators

### Shallower water -

ExxonMobil, Statoil and Impact - 2 ERs Sasol and ENI – ER in deep

#### water

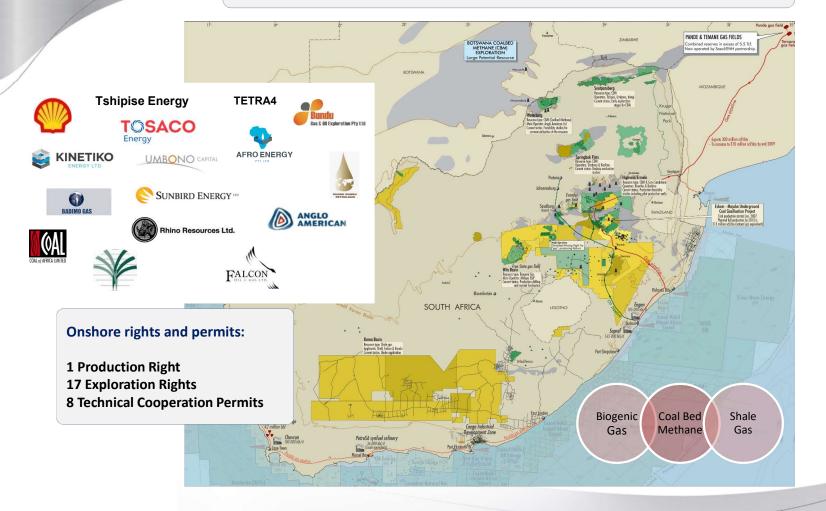
Silver Wave and ExxonMobil in the **ultra deep water** 

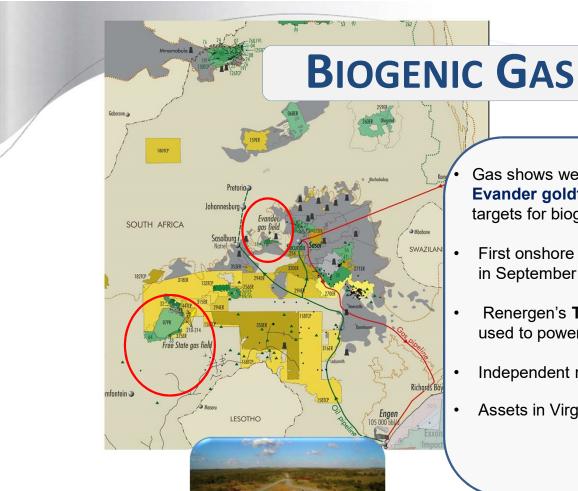


# ONSHORE SA EXPLORATION ACTIVITY AND DEVELOPMENTS



## **CURRENT ONSHORE ACTIVITY**







- Gas shows were discovered in the Free State and Evander goldfields and are the most promising targets for biogenic gas at present
- First onshore natural gas Production Right awarded in September 2012
- Renergen's TETRA4 Compressed natural gas used to power Megabus local service
- Independent reserve valuation\* of ZAR 6.6bn
- Assets in Virginia in the Free State 2P 127.4 Bcf

1 well producing to plant – 11 further wells to be connected.



**TETRA4** 





### **Lephalale Project**



Recoverable 1 Tcf

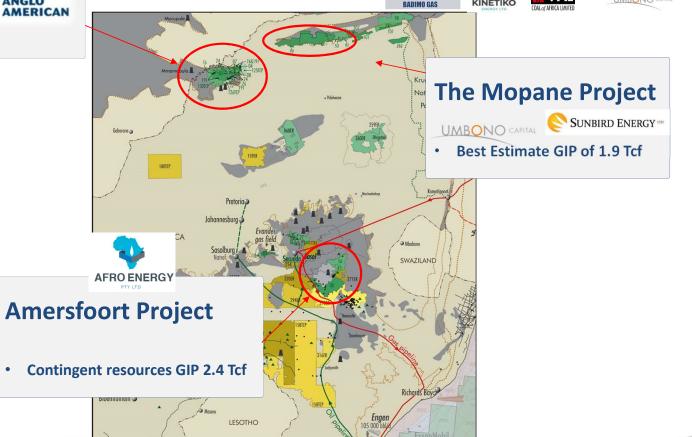












## **SHALE GAS**

## Play fairway in southern part of basin

EIA: reporting 370 Tcf (2015)
Petroleum Agency SA's conservative
Previous Best estimate 36 Tcf
recoverable (Whitehill only)

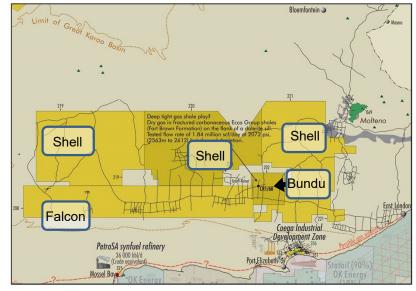
### Revised to **205 Tcf** recoverable

- All target formations
- Additional legacy data prospective area increased 3 fold
- Estimates now include adsorbed as well as free gas
- · Detailed basin modelling





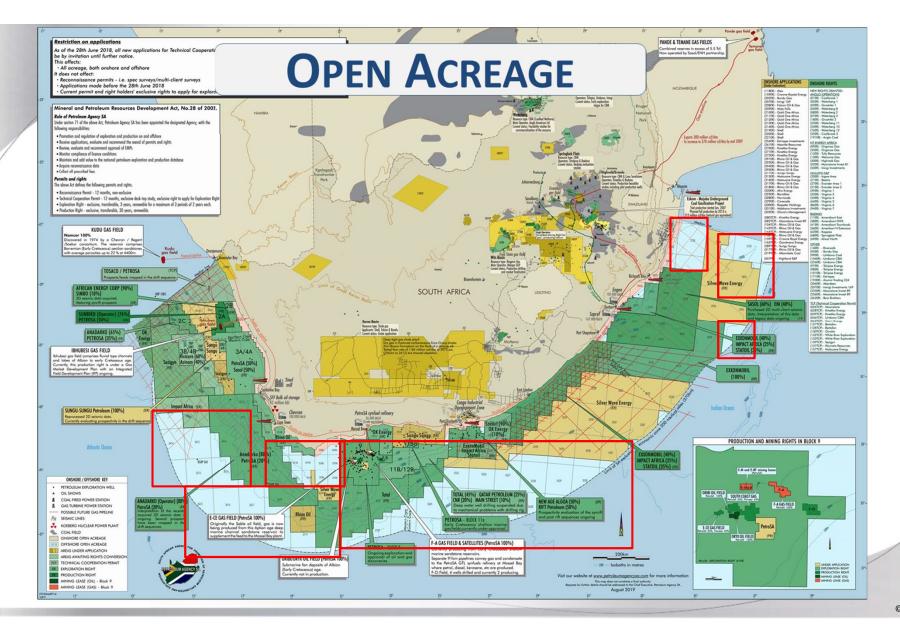






## **OPEN ACREAGE**







### OIL AND GAS BILL

- Current Oil and Gas including minerals are governed by the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (MPRDA),2002
- The Agency is currently involved in the process of drafting separate Oil and Gas Legislation (Process currently ongoing)



### **N**EW DEVELOPMENTS

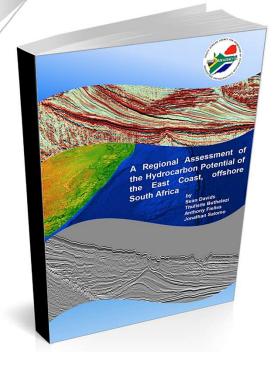
- Moratorium: No new applications
- Shift in licensing regime allowing all new licensing by invitation

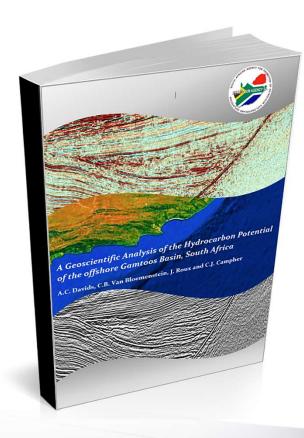
(Does not affect the rights of current holders – eg TCP to ER, renewals, ER to Production)

## **PUBLICATIONS FOR PURCHASE**



## **PUBLICATIONS**





### **OFFSHORE**

**Studies**: East Coast Basin Analysis and Gamtoos Basin Analysis
2013 – 2017
Regional Basin Analysis Study

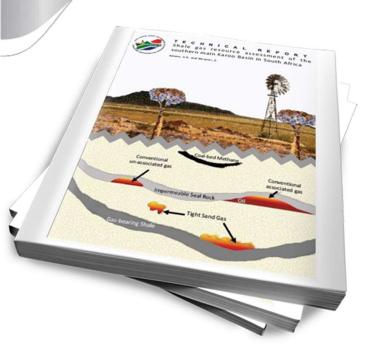
**Purpose of Study**: to fully understand basin development, architecture and its petroleum potential (from an Agency perspective)

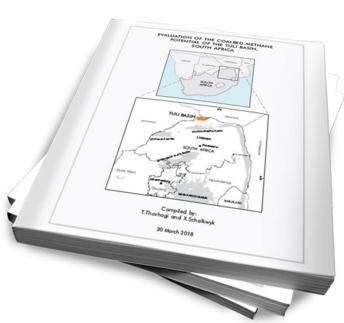
**Output**: 2 Publications

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## **PUBLICATIONS**





### **ONSHORE**

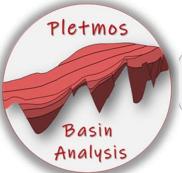
Studies: Shale Gas and Coalbed Methane

**Purpose of Study**: to asses the petroleum potential for the relevant basin

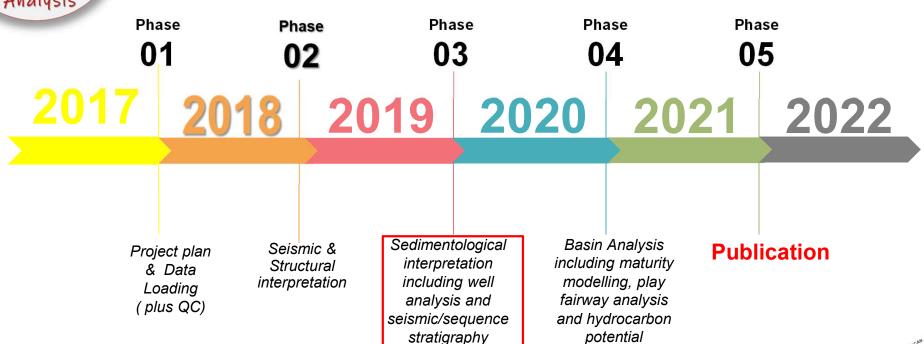
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### **CURRENT STUDIES: PLETMOS BASIN ANALYSIS**





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