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The Empowerment Needed in Managing NOCs

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It's not always easy being a national oil company

With management dominated by retired bureaucrats, saddled with social obligations and beset by political interference, almost all have lagged well behind private sector competitors.

Financial Times, August 2014



Over the last 40 years of working with NOCs Wood Mackenzie has been exposed to a large varieties of NOC governance and operating models

Define the different types of NOCs that operate in the E&P business today

Describe the challenges and competing pressures that NOCs operate under and the interrelationship between their goals and national requirements

Highlight the need for increasingly diverse skills sets and decision structures as the opportunity suit available increasingly points towards internationalising

Outline Wood Mackenzie's 8 step framework that empowers NOCs to evolve from standard NOC behaviours to world-class companies able to effectively partner and compete with the leading companies in the E&P business

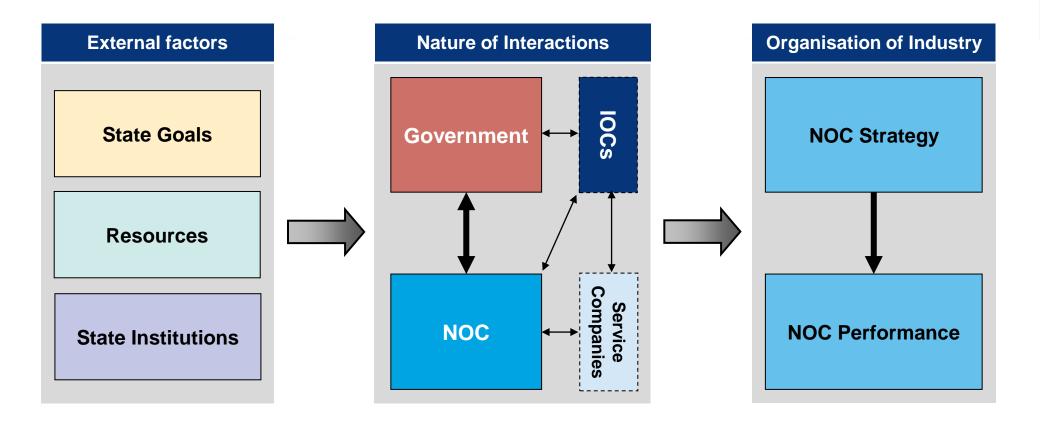


Not all NOCs are created equal and there is not a one size fits all approach that can be applied

NOC Туре	Example	Definition		
"Major Resource Holders"	PDVSA	 > Large domestic resource > Not looking to internationalisation 		
"Diversifiers"	Sonangol	Companies which have started the journey to internationalization		
"National Champions"	BR PETROBRAS Statoil	 Leveraging domestic talents abroad Focused skills and thematic areas 		
"Advantaged Supply Seekers"		 NOCs seeking resources to meet domestic demand Foundation in domestic business 		
"Supply Seekers"		> NOC's that lack a domestic resource and must internationalise		



The specific needs and evolution of NOCs need to be recognised...

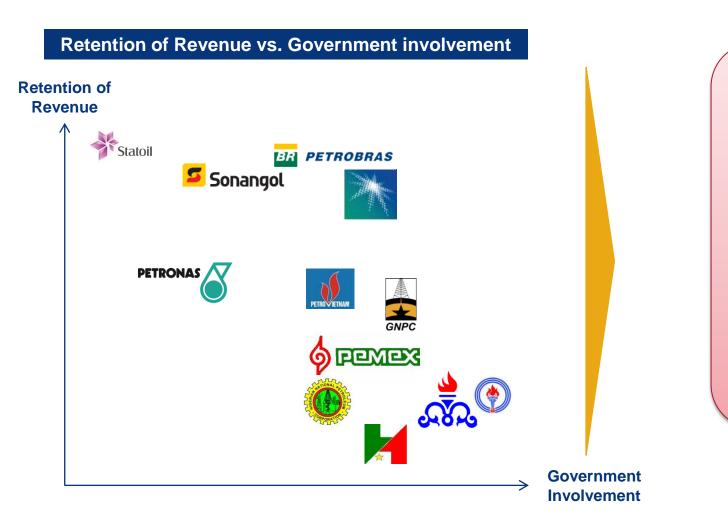


Source: Oil and Governance, 2012, Cambridge University Press



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...as do the governance systems which interact with decisions, and their understanding of risk...



- High-level of government involvement can lead to suboptimal decision making processes
- The key for retention of revenue is the autonomy of the NOC's to make operational decisions without politic interference



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IOC objectives

> Maximize and grow profits

Examples of NOC objectives

- Maximize and grow profits
- Provide major portion of government budget
- Subsidize domestic fuel

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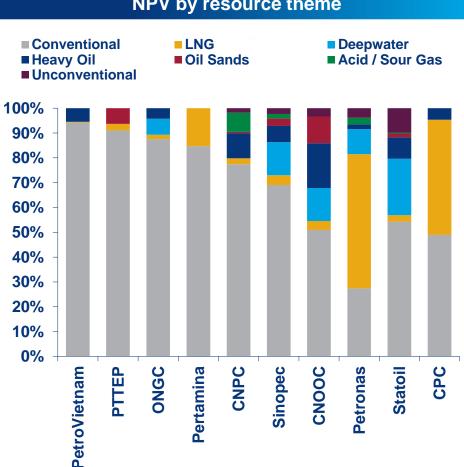
- > Provide social programs / employment
 - Serve as government implementing agent
 - Provide for "energy security" of country
 - Pursue foreign policy aims of government
 - Extend lifetime of resources

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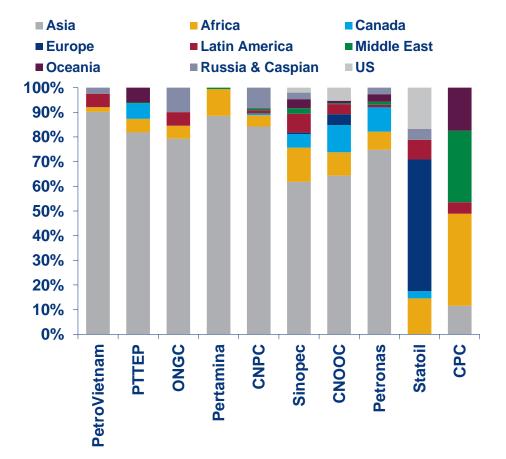
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Increasingly this requires broadening skills sets and a broader portfolio...managing risks and decisions has to be at the forefront



NPV by resource theme

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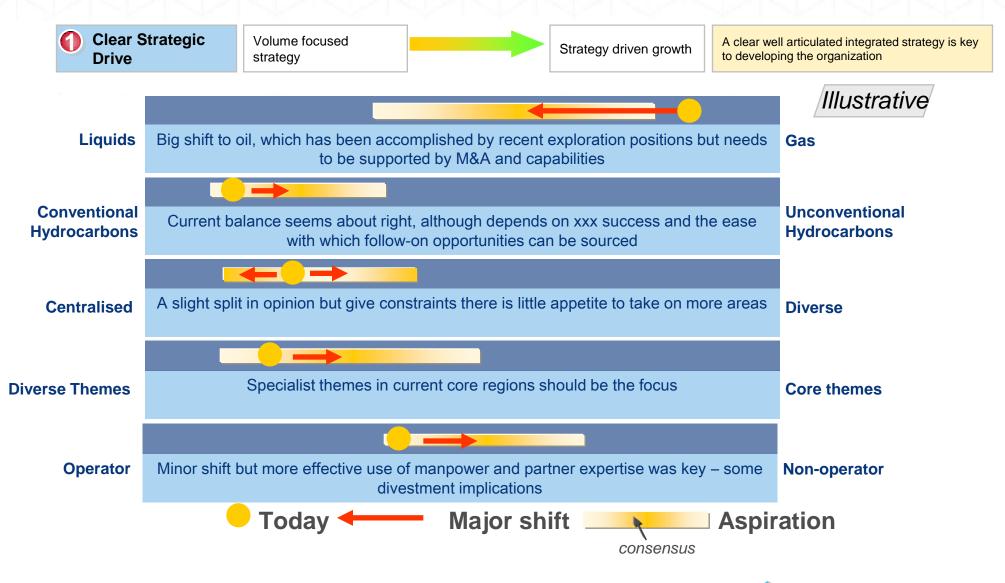
NPV, 10 by geography

Underlying this is the need for NOCs to be empowered to make decisions in the global E&P market place

	Issues	Standard NOC	World Class NOC	Why
Strategy & Process	Clear Strategic Direction	Volume focused strategy	Strategy driven growth	A clear well articulated integrated strategy is key to developing the organization
	Workable revenue retention	Operations dictated by politics	Autonomy/ability to make operational decisions	In line with best practice seen within the industry
	Operation Process	Reasonable asset valuation process	Integrated process (winning the deal)	Balancing the need for rigour with the ability to act quickly
	Portfolio Focus	Asset focused	Portfolio Focused	Resolving weaknesses in the portfolio is one of the prime tasks of executive management in world class oil companies
People and Organisation	5 Stakeholder Management	Transactional relationships	Strategic Partners	Partnerships benefit across the organisation. Access, technology, knowledge, process etc.
	Culture of innovation	Relatively conservative approach to innovation	Encourages innovation in key areas	In a world that is getting more complex and competitive the ability to be innovative is becoming more and more critical
	Clear Core Competencies	Focus on technical capability	Build integrated and differentiated core competencies	The best companies have highly competent people in place through meritocracy
	Organisational Balance	Highly centralised	Balanced decentralisation	Balancing the need of centralised control against local optimisation and knowledge

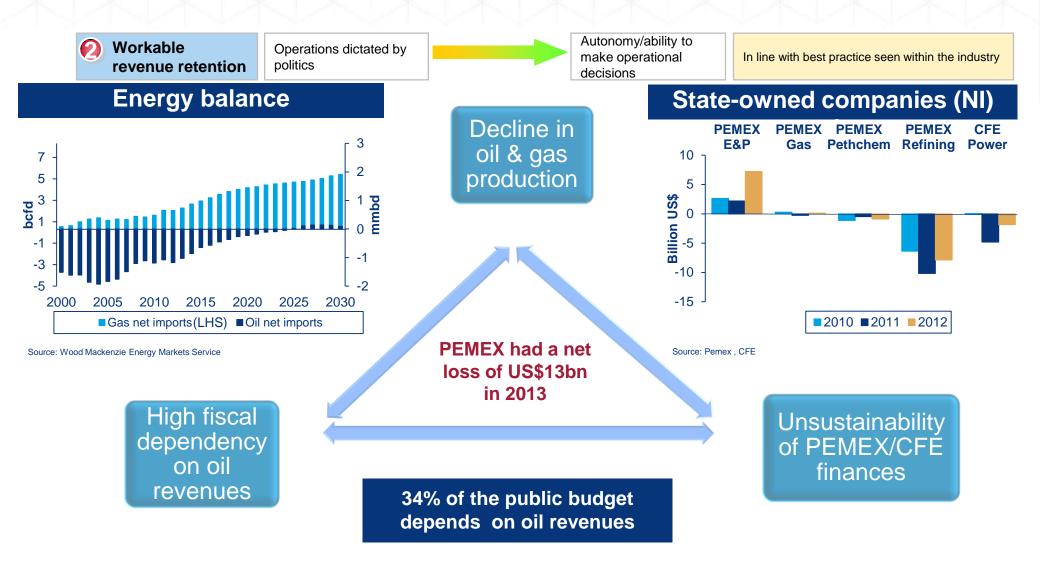


World class companies drive growth through clear articulation of strategy





Autonomy to make operational decisions is best practice





Leading NOC's have clear stage gate decision making processes, although the influence of senior management is often key to decision approval

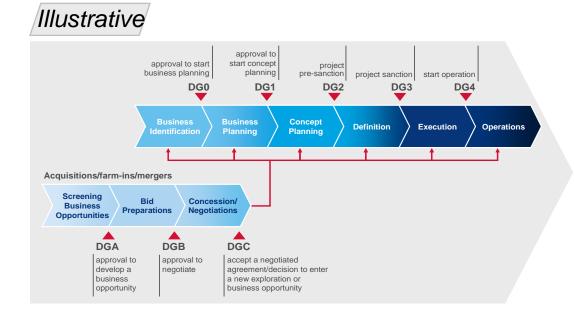


Decision Process

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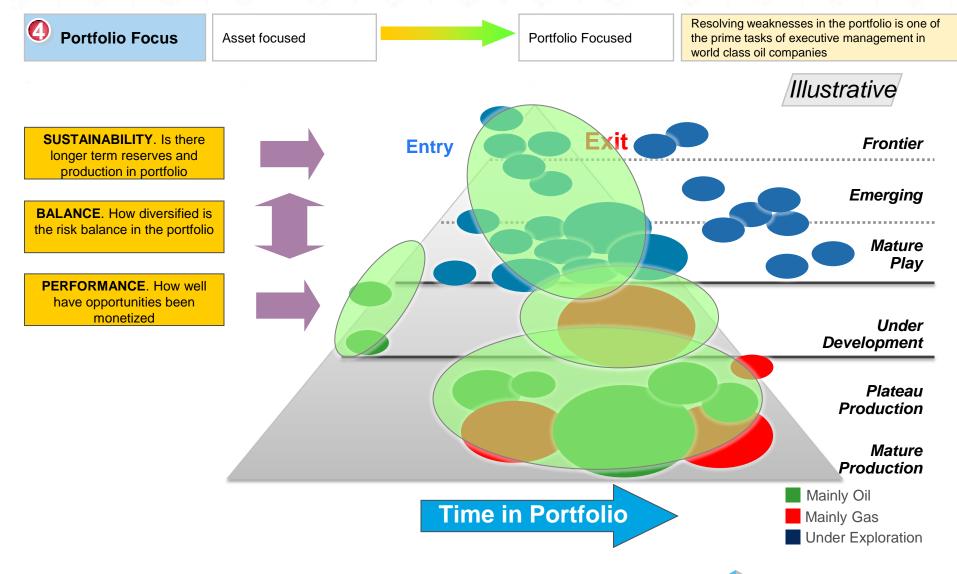
Structure of investment decision making process



- Process orientated, particularly around compliance
- Follows consistent process for value around stage gates
- Can serve as the foundation for all operations and the corner stone of organisation

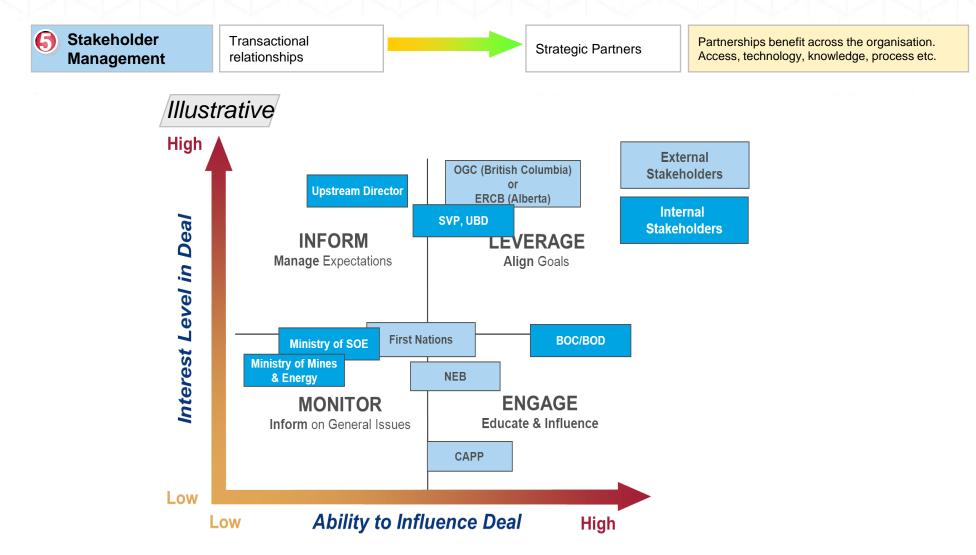
* Note 2 of the companies interviewed Statoil and Total had a strong exploration bias

Leading companies have a clear understanding of their portfolio's strengths and weaknesses



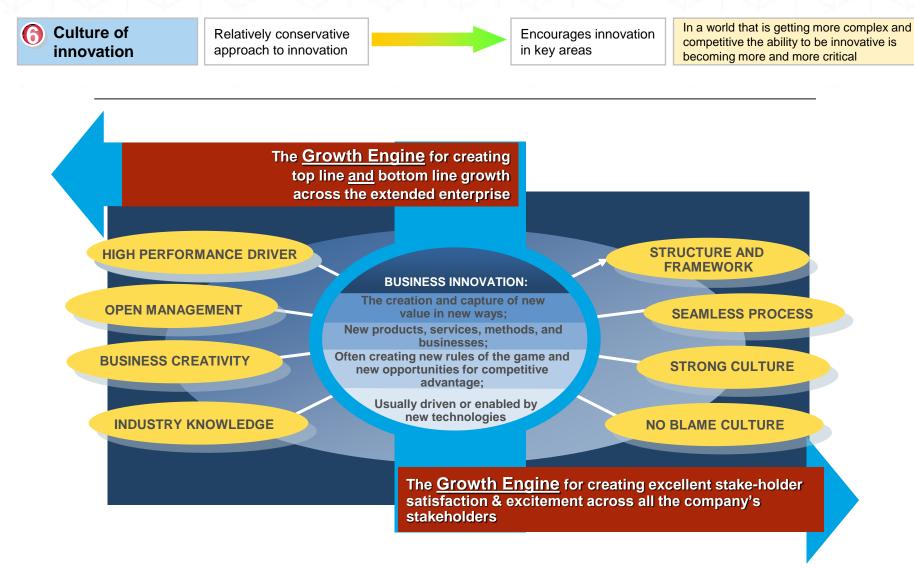


Managing stakeholders and partners is a key aspect to defining and reaching a shared business vision



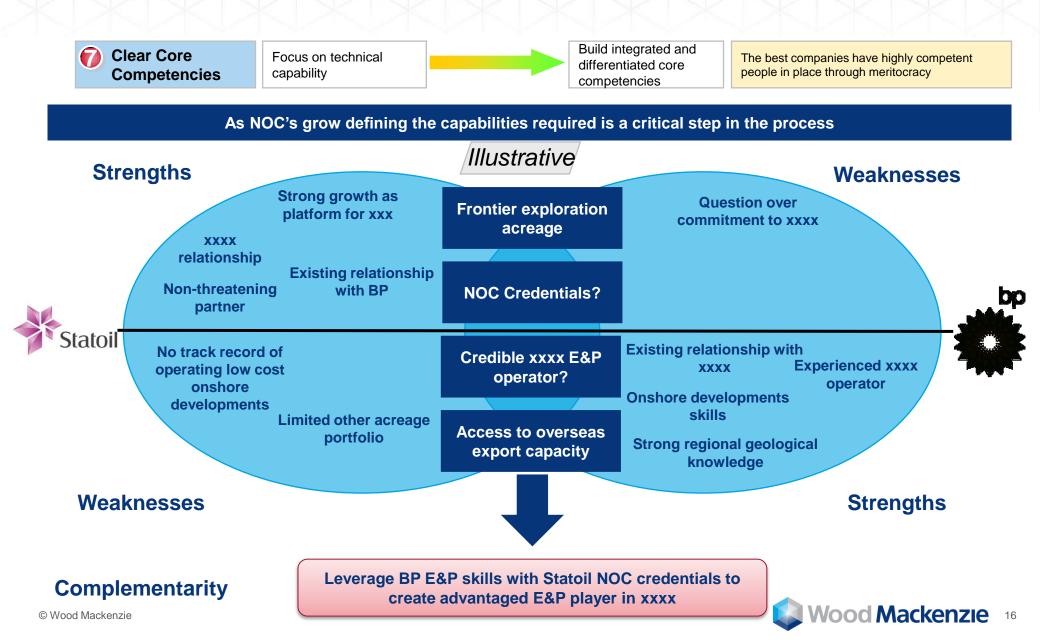


Creativity and innovation are key differentiators for world class companies

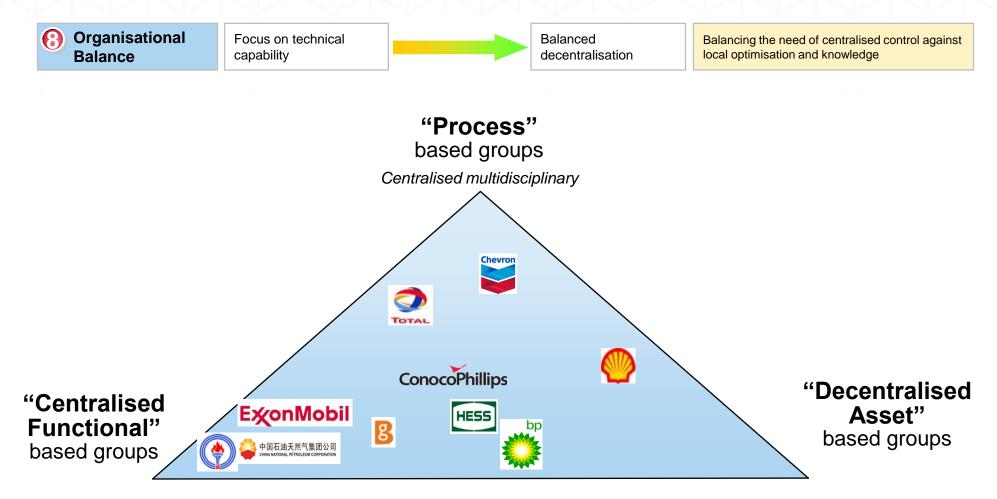




Core competencies should provide a point of differentiation for a company

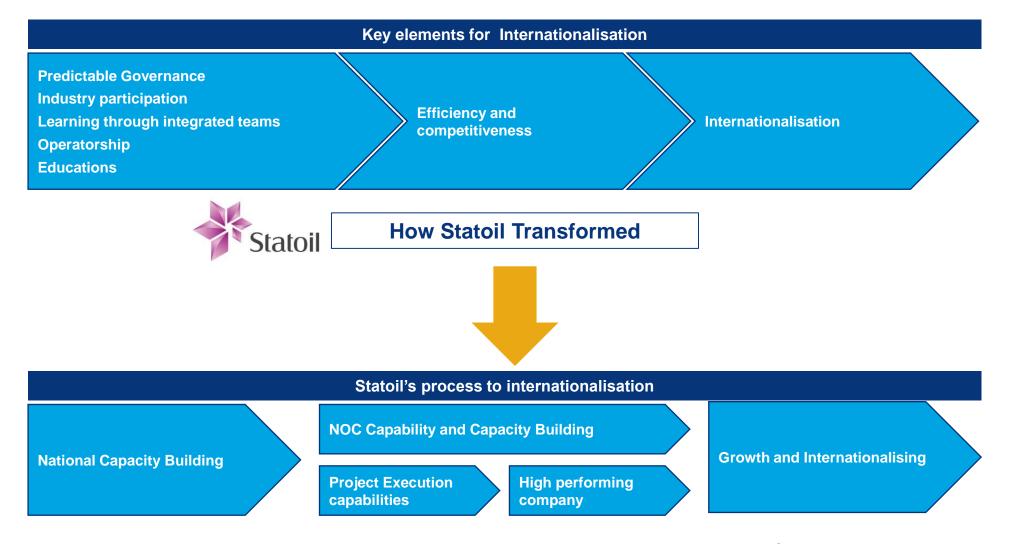


NOC's tend to be highly centralised, although a mechanism to incorporate local intelligence needs to be established





Increasing internationalisation is a must to achieve these goals





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