

GRA PA GORADICAL P&A DRIVING RADICAL CHANGE IN OIL&GAS WELL PLUGGING

2023 PAF P&A Seminar Tim Croucher – GRaPA Project Manager

"Fit for purpose rig-less P&A units and scaling"





Primary Project Goals

Go Radical P&A, an initiative organized under ETN, is a project with the fundamental goal of delivering radically new technical solutions enabling a step change reduction (>50%) in the environmental footprint and cost to perform the plugging and abandonment of oil and gas wells, while ensuring the prevention of longer-term leakage from abandoned wells.

Primary Project Deliverable

A radical new solution for Oil and Gas well P&A supported by a portfolio of enabling technical development projects







PAF Session 1 Challenge Statements



- How can we as an industry solve the future challenges and assignments within the P&A space?
- How can we learn from each other and ensure that we as an industry are able to execute at a lower cost and at the same time maintain a high safety record with zero incidents and minimal environmental impact?
- How can the introduction of new technology help us in achieving these goals?
- Are we actually entering into a radical switch with respect to how we execute future operations and at the same time achieve our goals as an industry?
- How can the governmental bodies assist us in this journey?

Radical downhole solutions allowing rig-less P&A Risk-based P&A design and verification process to allow application of radical solutions Small footprint surface units to allow cost effective implementation of radical solutions



GRaPA Core Focus – Work Pack #1:

GRaPA future strategy

Deliver radical downhole solutions allowing rig-less P&A

Necessary Projects:

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Work Pack #2: Deliver a fit for purpose risk-based P&A design / verification process allowing delivery of new radical solutions

Work Pack #3: Prove the feasibility of small footprint P&A surface units to allow lower cost field testing / qualification / application of radical P&A solutions









Define the challenge statements – "The wheel of fortune"



GRaPA has developed a model to identify missing solutions that could enable delivery of a step change reduction in P&A cost and environmental footprint





For the detailed list of Challenge Statements go to www.go-radical-pna.com







Ongoing Initiative – Partnering with the DOTC (Danish Offshore Technology Centre) joining the "2023-2024 Radical Innovation Sprint" process

- Supported by Equinor and Repsol, GRaPA has submitted a "Radical P&A Solution Challenge" to the 2023/2024 Radical Innovation Sprint program
 - Clear opportunity for involvement of other operators
- GRaPA has taken advantage of DOTC's extensive network of diverse Research and Development organizations to source Radical P&A R&D project opportunities
- Evaluate proposed Radical P&A solution research projects for funding via the GRaPA network (Nov/ Dec 2023)
- Execute "de-risking" research projects and deliver radical solution development opportunities (Q1/Q2 2024). Project results will be presented in May 2024.





Work Pack #2 – Create a well specific risk-based P&A design process



Necessary balance - Technical Solutions vs Methodology

- Align P&A Project planning with all other O&G Operational projects access project specific risk
- Move from generic NORSOK D-010 standard to Well Specific Risk-Based Design



NORSOK Compliant P&A

- Remove tubing
- Perform necessary wellbore diagnostics
- Clean out well to P&A depth
- Remove casing / old cement as necessary
- Place long / duplicate cement barriers (via work string)
- Verify plug integrity

Rig-less / Radical Solution P&A

- Perform necessary wellbore diagnostic through tubing
- Create necessary barrier spaces (pump / coil / wireline)
- Place multiple hybrid barriers (pump / coil / wireline)
- Verify plug integrity



Deliverables:

- 1. Industry Standard Process and Tools to perform P&A Design Risk Assessment
- 2. Industry Standard P&A Risk Acceptance Criteria





Work Pack #2 – Create a well specific risk-based P&A design process



Develop and Deliver Industry Standard Risk Assessment Process / Industry Standard Acceptance Criteria:





Work Pack #3 – Prove the feasibility of small footprint P&A surface units



Why is Radical Change Taking So Long?

Over the last 25 years, the industry has gone in the wrong direction?



Phased Approach to Rig-less Solution:

- 1. Small "P&A Unit" to pull tubing + Phase 1 P&A / Big Rig for Phase 2&3 P&A
- 2. Small P&A Unit full P&A scope
- 3. Full Rig-less P&A

Current P&A design methodology does not allow use of more radical downhole solutions which would enable small P&A Unit / Rig-less P&A

- Small Footprint / Low Weight Surface Unit
- Easy Build / Modularized / Limited Lifts
- Self-Contained / Low POB
- Necessary Functionality / Spec
- Fully Norwegian Regulatory Compliant

GRaPA is building a proposal for a fully scoped / funded comparative feasibility study to evaluate the capability of multiple new concept surface units on multiple platform P&A scenarios







- To succeed, the industry will need to raise the bar on funding / resource support for P&A initiatives. Potential for 50% public funding support thereby reducing the burden on the industry.
- There is a clear need for alternative P&A design methodology to enable technology necessary to deliver Rig-Less P&A to save cost and minimize environmental impact. This will require involvement and alignment of the majority of Norwegian Operators.
- There are multiple like-minded organizations across the globe with similar goals of radical change in P&A. They must work together to succeed in delivering radical change.

