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Abstract Title: Middle East Shale Gas Challenges Compared to North America - Economic vs. Geology

Abstract: Unconventional Gas changing the Global Energy landscape. Exploratory Shale Gas drilling is occurring in Middle East after successful development and exploitation in NAM.

This presentation will highlight some of potential issues that may be important to consider on the unconventional gas development in Middle East

In US, the technology developed during the past year made the Shale Gas development very successful and provided a stable supply of natural Gas.

But in Middle East, Unconventional especially Shale Gas is on exploration stage and the experience and learning from North America could shorten the challenges.

In general, Middle East are Oil rich countries, except energy hungry countries like Pakistan, India etc. The Economic and political challenges for the unconventional are different than NAM in middle East, especially “OPEC” countries.

The Geology of North America and Middle East also differs and provide a different challenge for the unconventional exploration. This challenge include geological and engineering information on unconventional Gas.

Technology development in North America will help Middle East countries to develop the unconventional by partnership with International players in Unconventional Gas. Growth opportunities in Asia market may have a positive impact on the Middle East exploration of Shale Gas developments.

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