

Q3 2015 Earnings Release



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Q3 2015 Highlights

- Q3 Net revenues of 169 MUSD compared to 190 MUSD in Q3 2014
 - Net late sales of 90 MUSD, down 31% from 130 MUSD in Q3 2014
 - Net pre-funding revenues of 74 MUSD were up 45% from Q3 2014, funding 55% of TGS' operational multi-client investments for the quarter (135 MUSD)
- Operating profit for the quarter was 46 MUSD, 27% of net revenues, compared to 71 MUSD (38% of net revenues) in Q3 2014
- Cash flow from operations was 121 MUSD compared to 187 MUSD in Q3 2014
 - Cash balance of 191 MUSD at 30 September 2015
- One 3D vessel, five 2D vessels, one multibeam crew and three land crews operating under TGS contract in Q3 2015
 - TGS was also a participant in two 3D seismic, two 2D seismic, one 3D ocean bottom seismic, and one P-Cable[™] joint venture projects

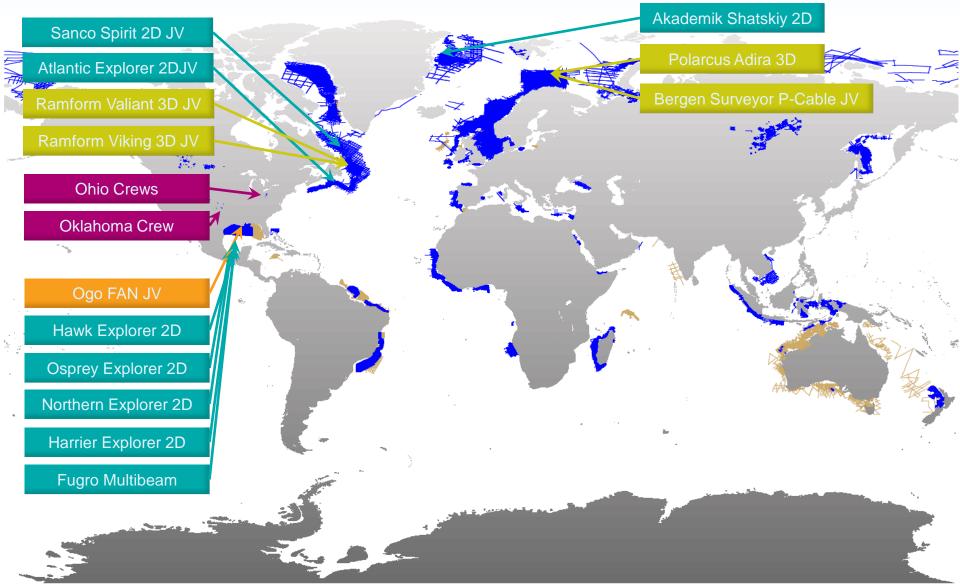




Operational Highlights



Q3 2015 Operations



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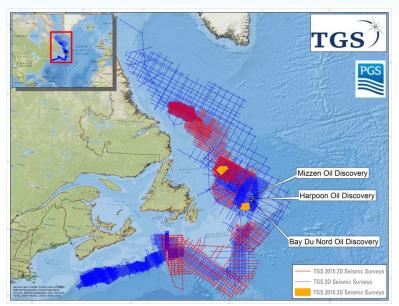
Q3 Activity – North America

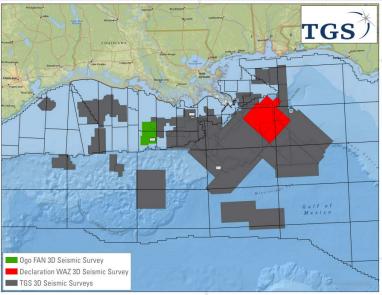
East Canada

- Flemish Pass 4,372 km² multi-client 3D survey
 - TGS' first 3D acquisition offshore East Canada in partnership with PGS
 - Acquisition completed in mid-October 2015 with final data available to clients in Q3 2016
- NE Newfoundland 4,800 km² multi-client 3D survey
 - Survey in partnership with PGS covers Areas of Interest (AOIs) released to industry by regional authorities
 - Acquisition expected to complete in late October 2015 with final data available to clients ahead of the Q4 2016 license round
- SE Grand Banks / S Labrador / NE Newfoundland 28,000 km multi-client 2D surveys
 - Continuation of multi-year investment in partnership with PGS covering future AOIs
 - TGS JV library now exceeds 112,000 km of modern 2D data in this region in addition to 83,700 km of TGS vintage data

U.S Central Gulf of Mexico

- Ogo FANTM multi-client Full Azimuth Nodal survey
 - 136 shelf blocks over existing fields and exploratory acreage
 - Acquisition expected to complete during Q4 2015
 - Part of multi-year collaboration agreement with FairfieldNodal







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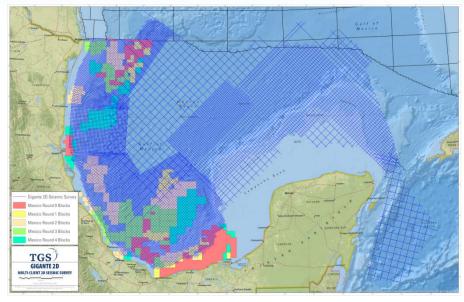
Q3 Activity – Mexico

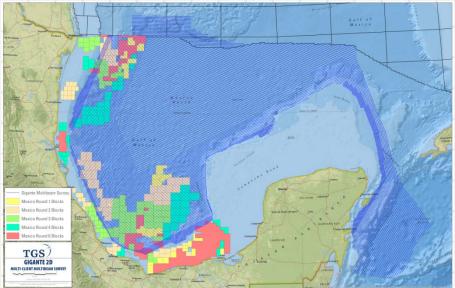
Mexico

- Gigante 2D 186,000 km multi-client 2D survey
 - Regional 2D survey commenced in Q2 2015 and expected to complete in mid-2016
 - Survey includes world class producing trends such as the Perdido fold belt and Campeche Bay
 - Line ties will be made to the US Gulf of Mexico regional grids previously acquired by TGS
 - 4 vessels were active on this survey during Q3 with a 5th vessel due to arrive in Mexico early November 2015

- Gigante Multibeam, Coring, and Geochemical Surveys
 - Survey will cover approximately 600,000 km² of deepwater sector of the Mexican Gulf of Mexico
 - Interpretation of data will integrate with the seismic survey
 - Acquisition commenced in U.S. waters in Q3 2015 with operations moving into Mexico in Q4 2015

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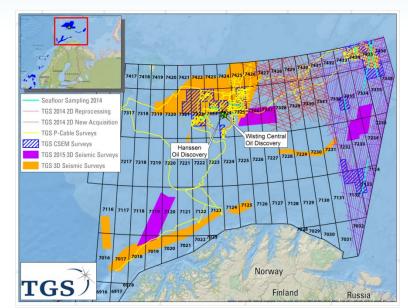
Q3 Activity – Europe

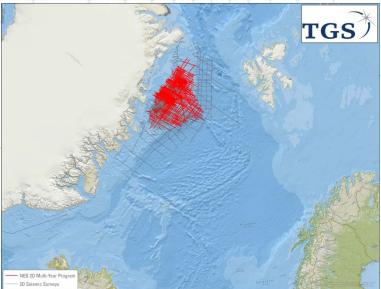
Barents Sea

- Hjalmar 3,000 km² multi-client 3D survey
 - Acquisition completed in Q3 2015
 - Extends TGS 3D data coverage in the Hoop area to over 25,000 km²
- Barents P-Cable[™] 2015 500 km² multi-client 3D survey
 - Acquisition of high resolution survey completed in Q3 2015
 - Further expansion of partnership with WGP

Greenland

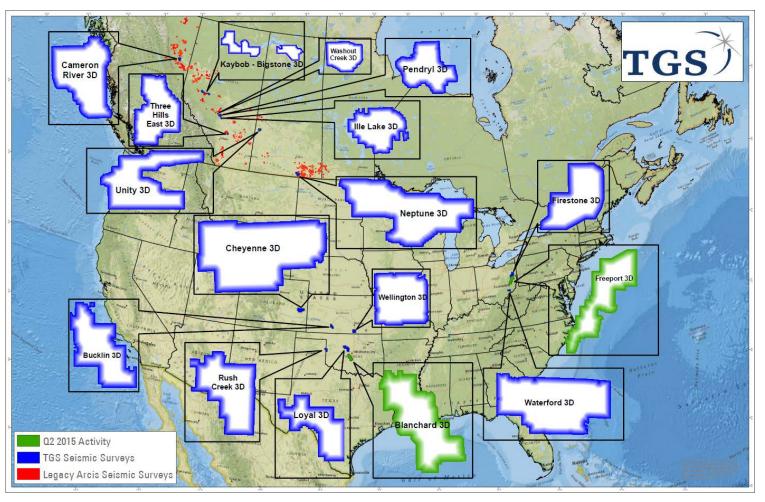
- NEG 14,500 km multi-client 2D survey
 - Second year of a multi-year, multi-client 2D program offshore Northeast Greenland
 - Very good ice conditions and operational performance resulted in acquisition of 7,300 km of data in Q3 2015
 - On completion, TGS 2D library in the basin will be more than 36,000 km







Q3 Activity – North America Onshore



Freeport - 1,777 km² 3D multi-client survey

- Utica play, central Ohio
- Acquisition completed in Q3 2015

- Blanchard 1,100 km² 3D multi-client survey
 - South Central Oklahoma Oil Play (SCOOP), Oklahoma

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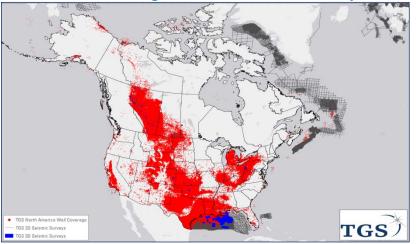
Acquisition will complete in Q4 2015

Enhancing Value through Technology

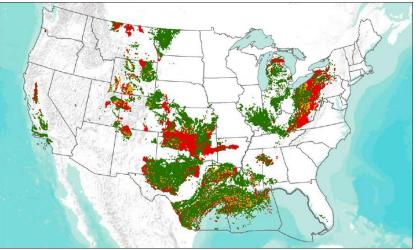
Digital Petrodata

- GIS technology company purchased for 2 MUSD in October 2015
- Main Products include
 - GIS Field/Pool/Formation Database
 - GEONEWS[™] GIS News Database
- Complements existing GPS business
- Adds value to TGS Longbow software platform

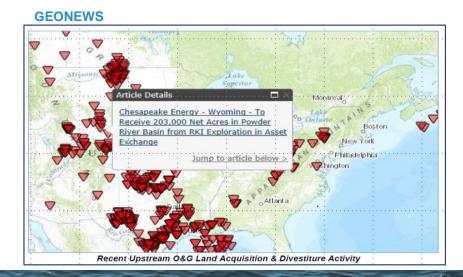
TGS North America Digital Well Data & Seismic Library



GIS Field/Pool/Formation Database



United States Oil and Gas Fields (40,000+) based on Annual GOR



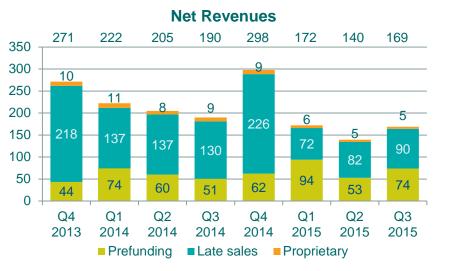
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Financials



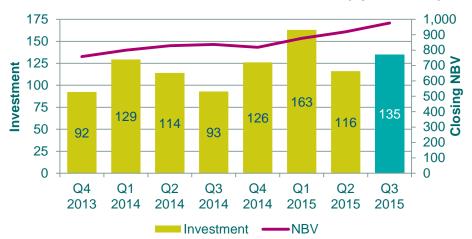
Key Financials



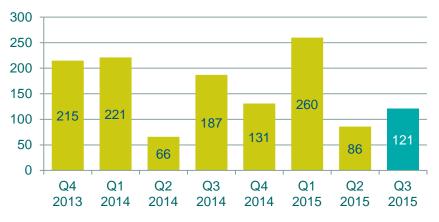
EBIT before non-recurring items



Multi-client NBV and Investments (operational)

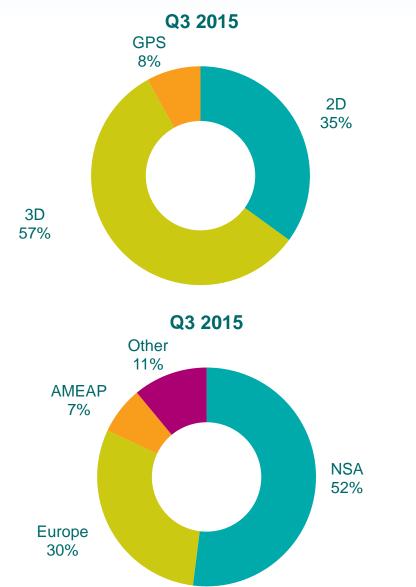


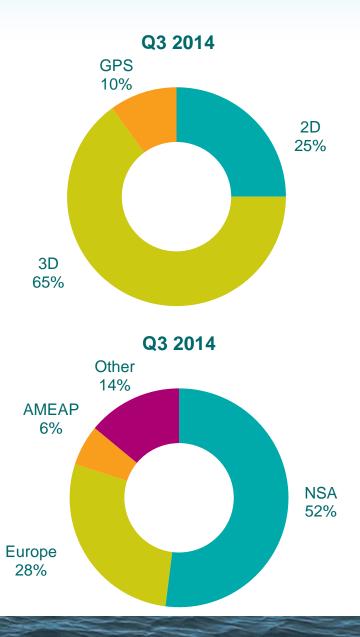
Cash Flow from Operations



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Net Revenue Breakdown





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Q3 2015 Income Statement

USD million, except EPS		Q3 2015	Q3 2014	Change in %
Net revenues		169	190	-11%
Cost of goods sold – proprietary and other		0.1	0.1	-52%
Amortization of multi-client library	60%	99	81	22%
Gross margin		71	109	-35%
Personnel costs		14	20	-28%
Other operating expenses		8	11	-33%
Cost of stock options		0.1	1	-92%
Depreciation		3	4	-34%
Operating profit	27%	46	71	-36%
Net financial items		-2	0.2	-958%
Profit before taxes	26%	44	72	-39%
Taxes		4	17	-79%
Net Income	24%	40	55	-27%
EPS, Undiluted		0.40	0.54	-26%
EPS, Fully Diluted		0.39	0.53	-26%



YTD 2015 Income Statement

USD million, except EPS		YTD 2015	YTD 2014	Change in %
Net revenues		481	617	-22%
Cost of goods sold – proprietary and other		0.6	3	-79%
Amortization of multi-client library	60%	277	254	9%
Gross margin		203	360	-44%
Personnel costs		48	65	-27%
Other operating expenses		25	32	-21%
Cost of stock options		2	4	-62%
Depreciation	_	10	12	-19%
Operating profit	25%	119	247	-52%
Net financial items		-2	5	-129%
Profit before taxes	24%	117	253	-54%
Taxes	_	24	69	-65%
Net Income	19%	93	184	-49%
EPS, Undiluted		0.92	1.80	-49%
EPS, Fully Diluted		0.91	1.78	-49%



Q3 2015 Cash Flow Statement

USD million	Q3 2015	Q3 2014	Change in %
Received payments from customers	145	225	-35%
Payments for operational expenses	(23)	(35)	35%
Paid taxes	(1)	(3)	58%
Operational cash flow	121	187	-35%
Investments in tangible and intangible assets	(1)	(3)	64%
Investments in multi-client library	(72)	(101)	28%
Investments through mergers and acquisitons	(19)	-	N/A
Proceeds from sale of short-term investments	-	5	-100%
Interest received	1	0.7	76%
Interest paid	(0.1)	(0.01)	-1060%
Dividend payments	(14)	(19)	26%
Purchase of treasury shares	-	(12)	N/A
Proceeds from share issuances	2	1	17%
Change in cash balance	17	59	-70%



Balance Sheet

USD million	Q3 2015	Q2 2015	Change in %	Q4 2014
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	191	176	9%	256
Other current assets	328	308	6%	521
Total current assets	519	484	7%	778
Intangible assets and deferred tax asset	82	82	0%	85
Other non-current assets	19	25	-25%	44
Multi-client library	976	919	6%	818
Fixed assets	33	36	-7%	43
Total Assets	1,630	1,546	5%	1,768
Liabilities				
Current liabilities	273	234	17%	393
Non-current liabilities	2	4	-54%	7
Deferred tax liability	36	31	16%	29
Total Liabilities	311	269	16%	428
Equity	1,319	1,277	3%	1,339
Total Liabilities and Equity	1,630	1,546	5%	1,768

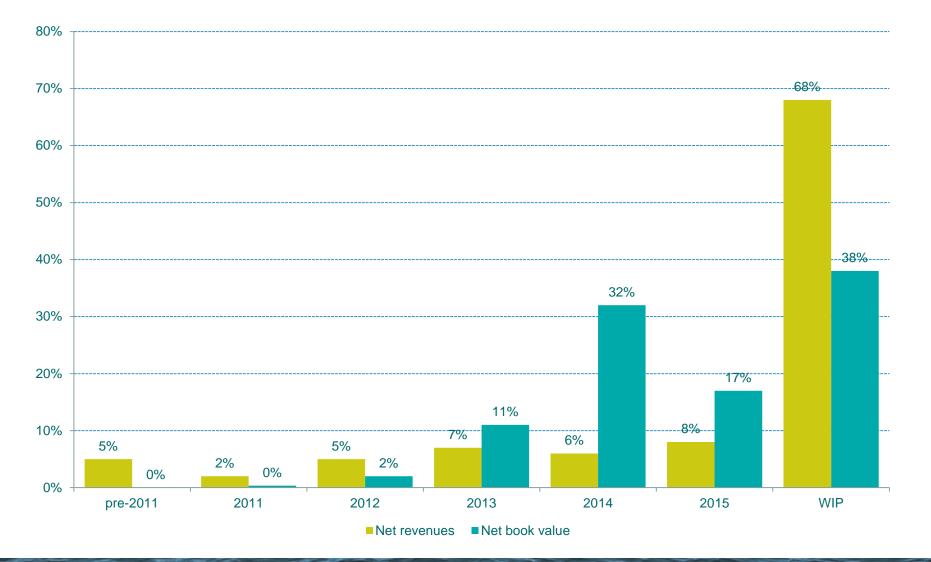
The Company holds no interest-bearing debt

Investments per Vintage



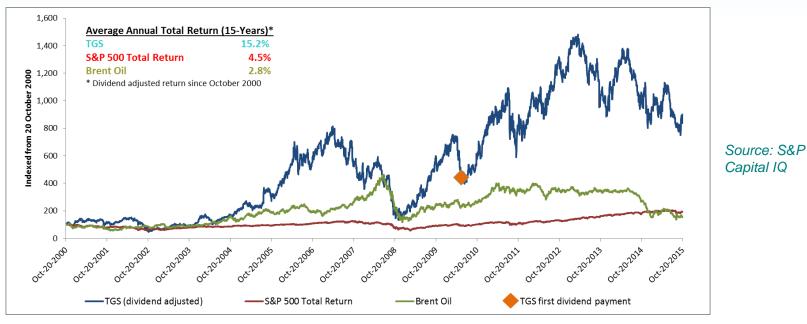
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Net Revenues vs. Net Book Value per Vintage





Strong Cash Generation Delivers Shareholder Value



- Shareholder authorization to distribute quarterly dividend payments from Q1 2016
 - The ex-dividend date will normally be seven days after the announcement of the dividend in connection with the release of quarterly financial statements*
 - Payment date 14 days after the ex-dividend date
 - Aim to keep a stable quarterly dividend through the year
 - Actual quarterly dividend level paid will be subject to continuous evaluation of market outlook, cash flow expectations and balance sheet development
- NOK 8.5 dividend (113 MUSD) paid in 2015 (ex-dividend on 7 May 2015 and paid on 21 May 2015)
- 30 MUSD share buy back program completed in Q1 2015

*Q2 – Q4 2016 dividends subject to AGM authorization on 10 May 2016



Outlook



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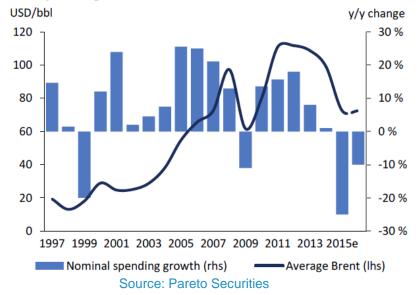
Outlook

The demand for seismic data has continued to weaken during the first nine months of the year and there are few signs that a recovery may be imminent



Source: SEB

E&P spending down 25% in 2015e



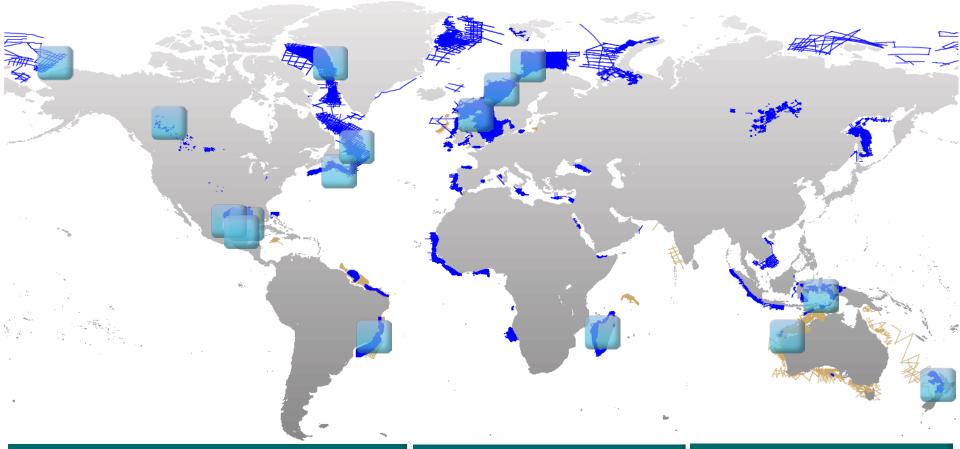
TGS approach during down cycle:

- Asset-light, focused
 - Strong balance sheet
 - 191 MUSD cash at end Q3 2015
 - 182 MUSD backlog

- Counter-cyclical
 - Attractive vessel rates
 - Turnkey contracts & risk transfer
 - M&A opportunities

- Maintain discipline
 - Cost Reduction Program
 - Strict Prefunding hurdles
 - Focus on investment quality

License Round Activity and TGS Positioning



North & South America

- Central GOM Mar 2016 (5-Year Plan)
- Western GOM Aug 2016 (5-Year Plan)
- Alaska Offshore cancelled (expected to be in next 5-Year Plan)
- Newfoundland & Labrador Nov 2015 (bids due, Scheduled Land Tenure)
- Nova Scotia Oct 2015 (bids due, 3-Year Rolling Plan)
- Canada Onshore at least monthly
- Brazil 13th Round closed Oct 2015 (next round expected 2016/17)
- Mexico Round 1 phased across 2015, 3 more rounds proposed by 2019

Africa, Middle East, Asia Pacific

- Madagascar postponed (now expected 2016)
- Australia Oct 2015, Feb & Apr 2016 (bids due)
- New Zealand 2016 (consultation underway)
- Indonesia 2016 (announced)

Europe / Russia

- Norway APA early 2016 (awards due)
- Norway 23rd Round Dec 2015 (bids due)
- United Kingdom 2016 (expected)
- Greenland Dec 2016, 2017, 2018 (bids due)

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Backlog



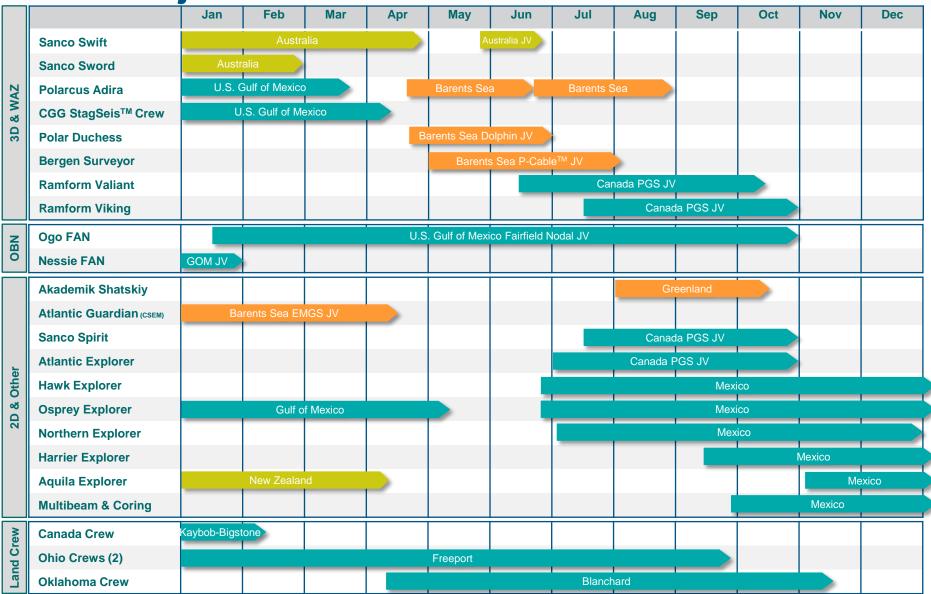
Historical Backlog (MUSD) 2011 - 2015



2015 Projects Schedule



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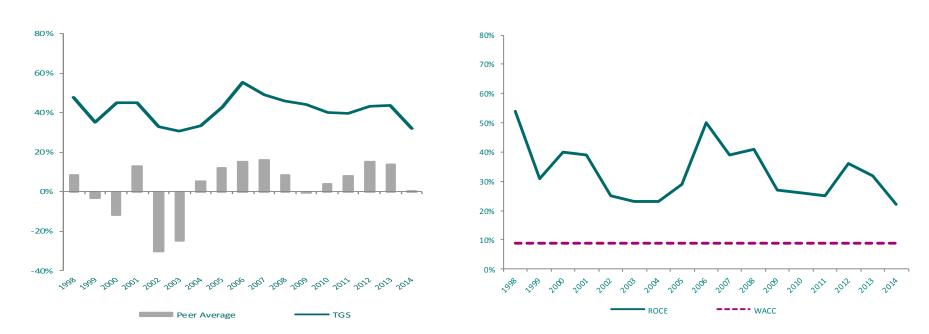


Summary

- Q3 net revenues of 169 MUSD
- Q3 operating profit of 46 MUSD, 27% of net revenues
- Q3 multi-client operational investment of 135 MUSD
- Challenging seismic market with few signs that a recovery may be imminent
 - Cost Reduction Program implemented in Q1 2015
 - Further review of cost base under way with the aim of realizing additional cost reductions from the beginning of next year.
- However, long-term future of asset-light, focused multi-client business remains strong
 - TGS has a backlog of 182 MUSD
 - Cash balance of 191 MUSD at 30 September 2015
 - Quarterly dividends scheduled starting Q1 2016
- Guidance for 2015 (investment guidance revised on 30 July 2015)
 - TGS expects multi-client investments of approximately 490 MUSD and additional Capex of 15 MUSD
 - TGS expects revenues of approximately 630 MUSD



TGS Performs in all Cycles



EBIT margin vs. Seismic peers

Return on Capital Employed

- Average EBIT margin above 40% stable EBIT performance through the cycles
- ROCE significantly above WACC substantial value creation in any industry cycle

*Peer group includes CGG, Spectrum, Geokinetics, ION Geophysical, PGS, Dolphin, Polarcus



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