# Reliable Subsea Gas Lift System Meets the Challenge for Statoil's Norne Satellites' Development

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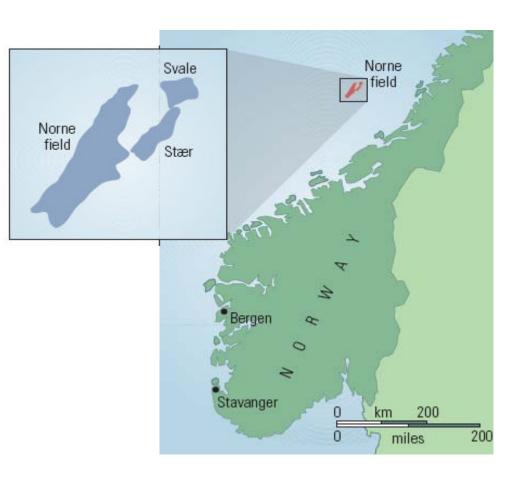


#### Agenda

- Introduce challenges of Statoil's Norne Satellites development
  - Sub-sea development offshore Norway
- Review solution implemented
  - Summary of valve development and testing
- Well performance to date
  - Gas lift operation and valve pressure integrity testing



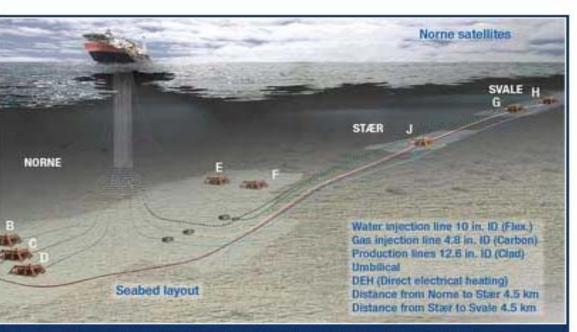
# Norne Satellites Development – Offshore Norway



- Subsea development approx 125 miles (200 km) from northern Norwegian coast
- Latitude 66 degrees north
- Norne field with two satellite fields, Staer and Svale
- Staer approx 2.8 miles (4.5 km) northeast of Norne
- Svale similar distance northeast of Staer
- Water depth 1,245 ft (380 m)
- Maximum reservoir depth 8,150 ft (2,484 m)



# Norne Satellites Development – Subsea Configuration

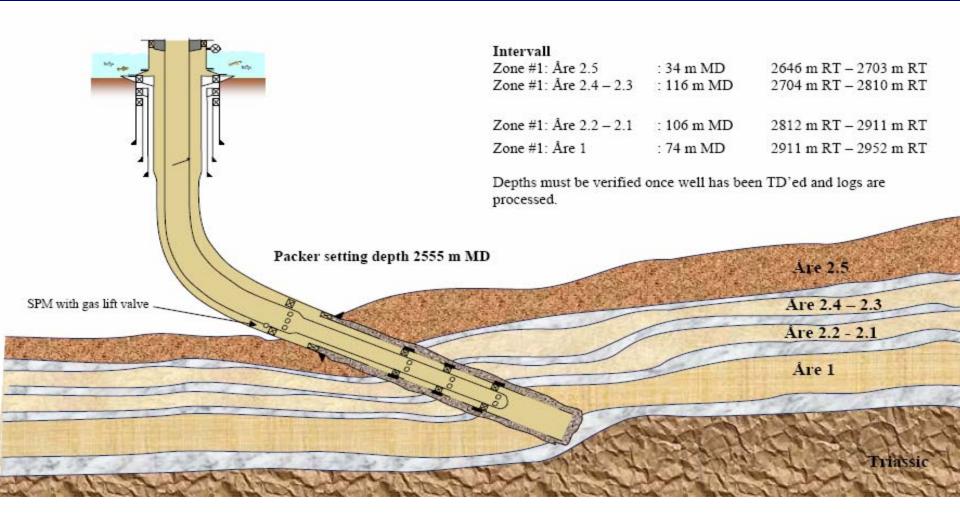


**Fig. 1.** The Norne FPSO operates three fields: Norne (B, C, D, E and F) and the satellite fields Staer (J) and Svale (G & H). Image courtesy of Statoil.

- Five production wells
- Three water injection wells for pressure support and displacement
- Worry of sand production and water breakthrough
- High gas injection pressures,
  3335 psi (230 bar) at FPSO
- High gas injection rates required, approx. 8.82 mmscf/d (250,000 sm3/d) per well
- Valve reliability
- Tubing integrity Norwegian Petroleum Safety Authority barrier requirement



# **Typical NSAT Completion**





# KLift Gas Lift System Designed for Deep Water and Subsean nstallations

#### Gas lift applications are in more aggressive conditions

 Deeper points of gas injection at higher injection pressures are required to achieve desirable liquid production rates

#### Reliability

 Robust gas lift equipment that has been dynamically tested for endurance, integrity and reliability including: liquid flow erosion testing, high volume gas injection testing and gas injection performance.

#### Operation efficiency

 Improved gas flow geometry stabilizes liquid production increasing the run life of the system.

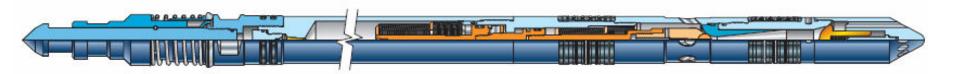


# KLift™ Gas Lift System

- Fit-for-purpose deepwater / subsea HP gas lift system
  - Significantly improved reliability and efficiency
  - Endurance tested for high reliability
- Newly designed gas lift valve and side pocket mandrel
  - IPO valve operating pressure range 2,000 to 5,000 psi at depth
  - Orifice valve operating pressure 7,500 psi at depth
  - Patented edge-welded high pressure balanced bellows system
  - Optimized injection gas flow path for improved efficiency
- Positive sealing check valve system
  - Tubing pressure integrity during <u>ALL</u> phases of operation
- Reliable deeper injection depths
  - Higher production rates achievable



# XLift XLI Injection Pressure Operated Gas Lift Valve



#### **Technical Specifications**:

Injection Pressure Operated (IPO), 1-3/4" O.D., overall length 34.063"

Operating characteristics – 7,500 psi max, 350°F max / 32°F min

Bellows intensifier arrangement to reduce internal Nitrogen gas charge pressure

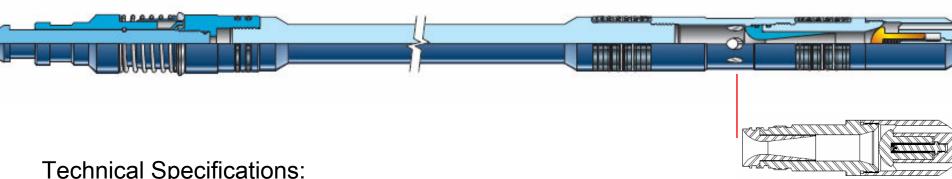
Maximum dome charged to achieve 5,000 psi operation - 3,200 psi @ 32°F

Venturi orifice size range – 8/64" to 20/64"

Premium body materials and elastomers



# KLift XLO Orifice Valve with Positive Sealing Check /alve



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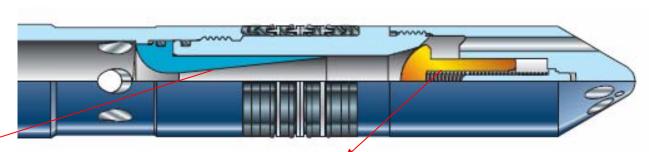
Check valve test pressure - 10,000 psi

Venturi orifice size range – 8/64" to 24/64"

Premium body materials and elastomers



#### 1-3/4" XLift Gas Lift Orifice and Check Valve Advantage



#### enturi Orifice

'enturi nozzle (various sizes vailable)

Sas entry holes tapered to nozzle nlet

optimized gas flow path

critical flow achieved with 10% delta ressure

#### Reverse Flow Check Valve

Normally closed

Positive seal, only open during gas or fluid flow from casing to tubing

Metal-to-metal seal surfaces, no elastomers

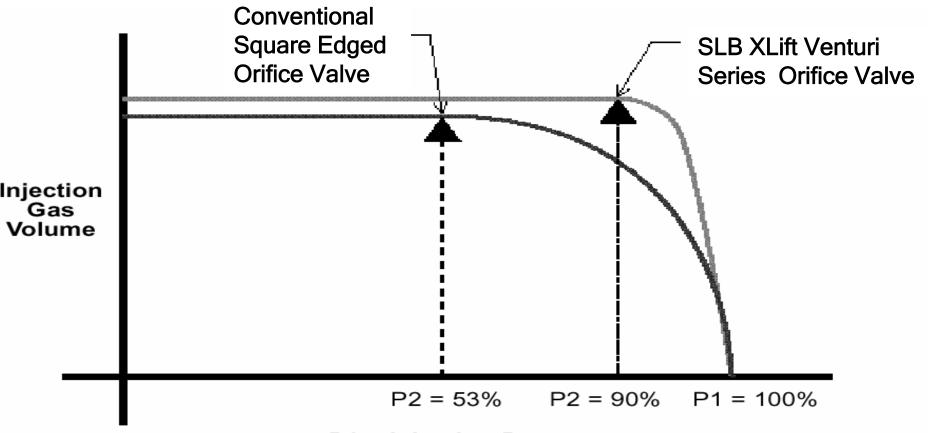
Due to unique geometry, flow velocity does not affect the check dart sealing surface

10,000 PSI sealing (working) pressure

Integrity and endurance tested – liquid and gas



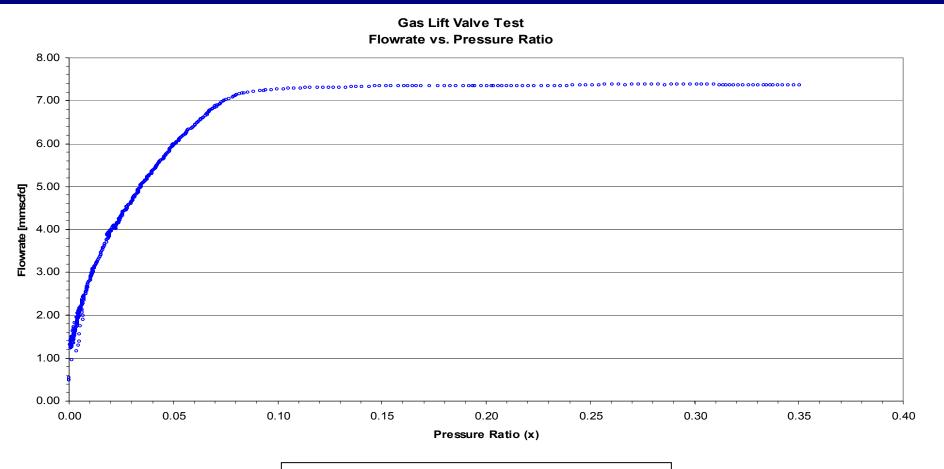
# Typical Gas Lift Orifice Valve Flow



P1 = Injection Pressure P2 = Tubing Pressure



# Example XLO XLift Orifice Valve Dynamic Injection Gas Flow Test



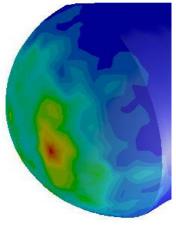
2,500 psi Upstream - XLift Orifice Valve with 24/64" Port

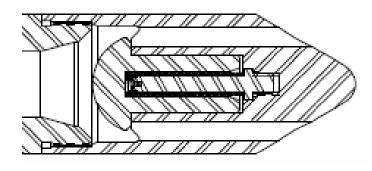


#### Comparison of CFD\* with Erosion Test Results

- Excellent agreement in location of erosion effects.
- Sealing surfaces are protected by flow path design.
- Leak rate significantly less than the current API and ISO leak rate criteria









# Comparison of CFD with Erosion Test Results



Note the appearance of 3 zones of surface finish. Zone 1 extends to a diameter of approximately 0.6 inches with a surface finish of 63ra. Zone 2 extends to a diameter of approximately 0.9 inches with a surface finish of 32ra. Zone three has been unaffected by the erosive flow (and includes the lapped sealing surface.)

#### **KLO XLift Orifice Valve Liquid Flow Test**

#### Fluid Unloading Qualification Test – 800 Barrels at 1.5 bbl/min

Test #	Date	Time From	Time To	Type of Test	PSI	Amb. temp °F	Leak Rate (scf/hr)	Gal/ Min	BBL/ Min	Gallons Total	BBL Total	BBL Tested
Initial	01/16/06	1:00p	1:20p	Leak	101	61.1	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1	01/17/06	6:00	8:40	Flow	500	75.9	n/a	54.34	1.294	8766.75	208.73	208.73
2	01/17/06	9:00	9:25	Leak	101	66.1	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2	01/17/06	9:40	12:00	Flow	500	82.9	n/a	54.3	1.293	17591.9	418.85	210.12
3	01/17/06	12:00p	12:20p	Leak	101	65.8	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
3	01/17/06	1:13p	3:50p	Flow	300	88.3	n/a	66.25	1.577	26414.1	628.91	210.05
4	01/17/06	3:50p	4:15p	Leak	100	71.6	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
4	01/18/06	7:30	10:30	Flow	300	90.6	n/a	66.41	1.581	36365.7	865.85	236.94
5	01/18/06	11:00	11:30	Leak	100	74.6	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Table 1.0 (Running log of test data and results)







# Additional Performance Testing - Norne Specific

- In collaboration with Statoil, additional testing was performed in Norway
  - Gas flow testing at Statoil's Karsto Metering and Technology Laboratory (K-Lab)
  - Fluid at International Research Institute of Stavanger (IRIS)
- Objectives of the tests were
  - Qualify the system's operation under dynamic pressures and throughput
  - Verify the pressure integrity as a key component of the tubing pressure barrier envelope
  - Allow wells to be completed without Annular Safety Valve (ASV)
  - Meet the rigorous requirements of the Norne Satellites well completion schedule
- Meet the Norne project specific pressure barrier requirements of the Norwegian Petroleum Safety Authority



#### Norne Gas Lift Performance to Date

- Water breakthrough occurred relatively early in field life and reservoir pressure is depleting faster than expected
  - Gas lift initiated on first two wells Oct 2005
  - Subsequent wells kicked off Jan, April and Sept 2006
- Gas injection rates fine tuned to each well, optimize individual well production and flowline capacity
  - Current injection rates range from 7.8 to 11.0 mmscf/d (220,000 to 310,000 sm3/d)
  - Injection pressures range from 3110 to 3140 psi (214 to 216 bar)
  - Well production rates average from 5400 to 7550 bbl/d (850 to 1200 m3/d), water cut 20% to 60%
- Regular inflow / integrity testing
  - All five wells categorized as "Green"
  - Testing interval increased from one month to six months



#### NSAT Gas Lift Valve Operating Leak Rate Criteria

#### **NSAT** offshore test procedure

- Green leakage level, ≤SCSSV leakage criteria 0,4 litre/min
  - Consequence continue normal production and test frequency
- Yellow leakage level, ≤10 litre/min
  - (Ref topside hydrocarbon leak criteria of 0,1 kg/s. This gives 10 litre/min at downhole conditions
    - Consequence Continue normal production, keep 1 month test frequency on the GLV
- Red leakage level, > 10 litre/min
  - Consequence Shut in the well (close DIACS valves, SCSSV, PWV). Monitor pressure in production tubing and annulus.
    - Risk evaluation shall be performed with involvement from PSA. Result of this work will be the basis for decision to continue production.
      - Lift gas shut in, annulus pressure bled down to create 70 bar (1015 psi) differential across valve
      - 0.4 litre/min equates to zero pressure build up over 6 hour hold period
      - 10 litre/min equates to between 8.9 and 11.3 bar (129 and 165 psi) pressure build up over 6 hour hold period



#### Conclusions

- XLift system continues to meet the Norne Satellites gas lift challenge
  - Continuous, stable, high gas injection rates for over two years
  - Confirmed through regular monitoring, production and inflow tests
- Operating in accordance with Norwegian Petroleum Safety Authority pressure barrier requirements
- Wells completed without Annular Safety Valve (ASV)
- The positive-sealing check valve proved invaluable during continued system integrity testing

