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What drivers and barriers do we see for technology choices on NCS? - How decision models may over- or underestimate risk

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- How decision models may over- or underestimate risk

Since 1864, DNV GL has been working to manage risk

What have we learned?



Safeguarding life, property and the environment

Risk and Opportunities are driven by several issues beyond technology - A broader view on risk is needed to capture everything affecting a decision

Technology

Qualification of new technology

Market

What will demand for Oil & Gas look like in the future?

Political risk, regulations and

Regulations

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Cost and Revenue

Project risk and cash flows from operations

Risks we cannot control or quantify often increase perceived risk

Soft vs hard

Non-technical risks are often harder to quantify

Decision making

Ownership and decision level will impact perceived risk

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Control

Risks beyond own control will in general be perceived as higher risk

Uncertainty

Uncertainty will in general increase perceived risk

Case 1 – New technology challenging existing regulations All-electric x-mas trees



The all-electric subsea technologies is not new – but still has not scaled

- Uncertainty in demonstrating compliance towards regulations and standards



- While regulations are flexible and functionally based still a challenge to demonstrate compliance for new technologies
- Regulations require fail-safe solutions and guidelines refer to NORSOK standards that prescribes "Hydraulic or pneumatic... spring return ".
- The new solutions offer much better diagnostics and different failure modes –requiring novels way of demonstrating safety

Case 2- Business case and scale of new value chains

Hydrogen value chains



Governmental initiatives to reduce political and market risks

- The H21 project may transform Leeds into a hydrogen city



It is **currently unclear** if H₂ will become a major zero-carbon energy carrier

Uncertainties include:

- What role will the governments take?
- Will CCS be in place in time?
- What value chain will eventually succeed?
- Will society accept the perceived HSE risk?

Summary – A Broader view on risk is needed to support decision making

"We always overestimate the change that will occur in the next two years and underestimate the change that will occur in the next ten" – Bill Gates



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Thank you

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