

Oil and Gas Eye

Q4 2010

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Q4 concludes a positive year for the Oil and Gas Eye; outlook for 2011 remains cautiously optimistic

- ▶ The last quarter of 2010 concluded a strong year for Ernst & Young's Oil and Gas Eye, with the index rising nearly 14% in the quarter and 47% over 2010. This increase, building on the 123% increase of 2009, means that the index has now recouped all of the losses of 2008.
- ▶ There remain winners and losers, and the importance of single events on individual stocks should not be underestimated. For example, among oil and gas companies listed on AIM, the best performer in the quarter appreciated by 263%, while the worst performer lost nearly 70% in value over just three months.
- ▶ Larger oil and gas companies listed on the London Stock Exchange's Main Market enjoyed a less stellar 2010, rising by just 0.6% during the year. However, this group's fourth quarter growth of 8% capped off a strong recovery from the impact of the Gulf of Mexico oil spill earlier in the year that had dragged shares much lower.
- ▶ Fund-raising activity continued on a positive trend during the last quarter, particularly in the secondary market. Over 2010, approximately £3 billion was raised in secondary issues in the UK market, roughly two-thirds of which came on AIM. IPOs were more subdued in 2010, raising less than 50% of the secondary total. Only five oil and gas companies completed successful IPOs in 2010, compared to the 52 companies conducting secondary fund-raisings.
- ▶ We are optimistic for increasing activity in 2011. Smaller companies that have been nursing balance sheets in recent years may feel greater confidence in capital availability, and IPO levels look set to rise. This optimism, however, must be taken in the context of the wider economy, which drives demand for the key end products of the oil and gas industry and determines capital availability. Downstream looks most susceptible to these near-term factors, and activity in this sub-sector could remain subdued, especially while over-capacity remains in Europe.

Oil and Gas Eye index Q4 2010 in review

Junior oil and gas companies end the year on a stronger footing

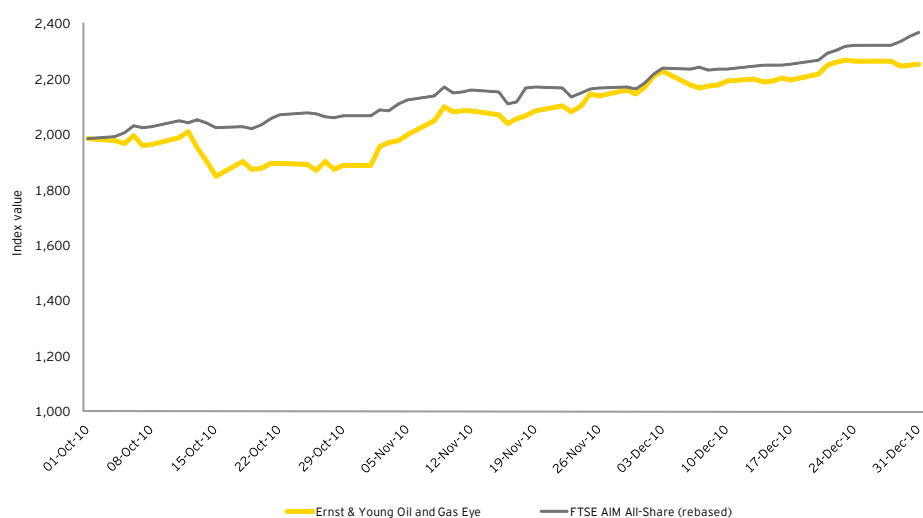
Against a backdrop of an uncertain outlook for the global economy, Ernst & Young's Oil and Gas Eye index increased by 47% over the course of 2010. This increase, following on from an impressive 123% increase during 2009, means that the index has now recouped all of the losses of 2008. At the end of 2010, the Eye index stood at 112% of the level at the start of 2008. In late December, the index reached its highest level since mid-2008, when oil prices were at record highs.

Junior oil and gas stocks slightly outperformed the wider AIM All-share index over the course of last year, with the latter rising by 43%. However, over the fourth quarter, companies on the wider AIM All-share index did better than junior oil and gas companies, rising by 19.3% versus 13.6%. Oil and gas companies listed on the London Stock Exchange's Main Market under-performed their junior peers during 2010, rising by just 0.6%. The larger oil companies ended the year stronger, with the FTSE 350 oil and gas producers' index up 8% over the final three months of 2010.

Oil prices have stabilized, trading in a US\$70/bbl to US\$80/bbl range for most of 2010, which has helped provide support to oil and gas company stocks. The Brent crude price in the fourth quarter averaged US\$86.66/bbl, compared with US\$74.58/bbl in the same quarter of 2009. The average oil price in 2010 was US\$79.62/bbl, and by the end of the year the price of Brent crude was 19% higher than at the start of 2010. Oil prices have continued to rise into the new year, approaching the US\$100/bbl mark for the first time since 2008. Consensus is building around a +US\$80/bbl outlook for oil prices in 2011 and beyond.

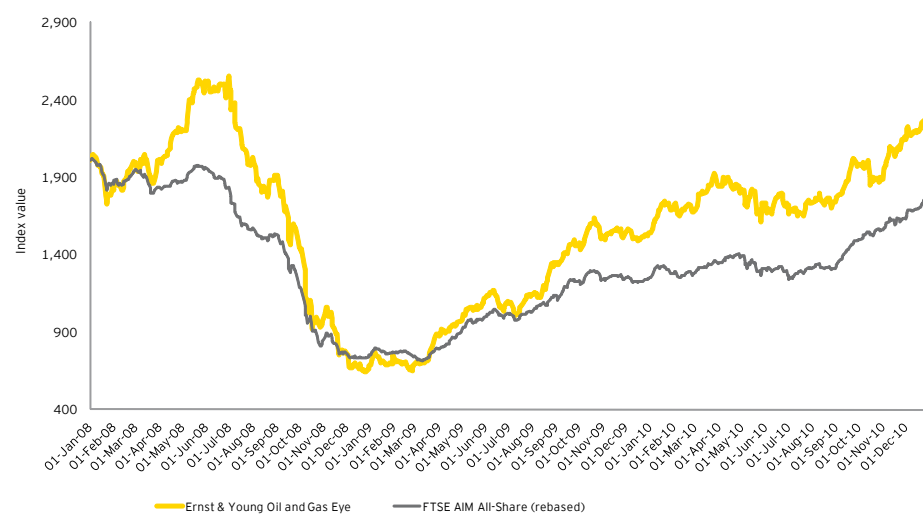
Performance of the Oil and Gas Eye index over Q4 2010

Source: Ernst & Young, Thomson Datastream



Performance of the Oil and Gas Eye index since 2008

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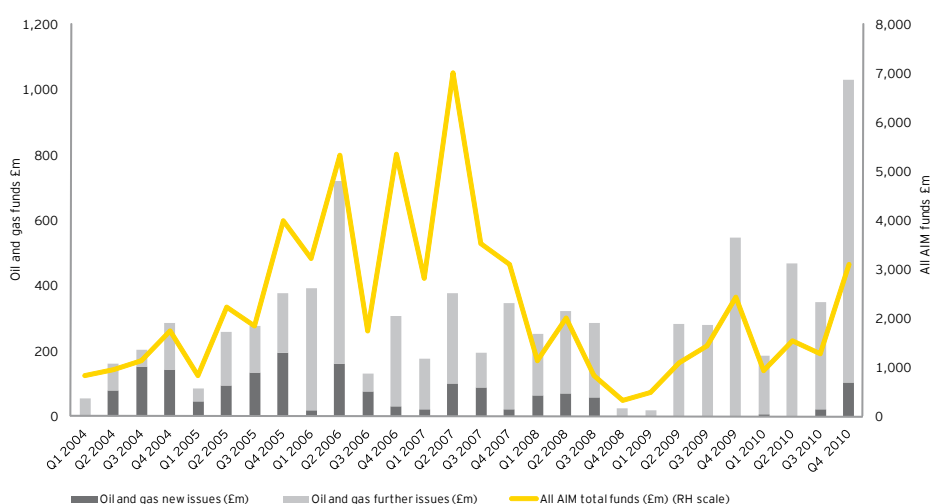


2010 saw the oil and gas industry in flux; events in the Gulf of Mexico, a changing regulatory landscape and ongoing concerns about business and consumer confidence, combined to make this a challenging year. But looking forward to 2011, there is reason to believe that the outlook for the sector is more promising. There is potential upside to capital spending expectations based on higher cash flows from stronger oil prices. The increased investment is likely to target the predicted growth in oil demand, which is returning more strongly than expected. Rebounding crude prices and better capital availability provided support to the increase in oil and gas deal values in 2010.

Smaller companies who have been nursing their balance sheets through recent years may feel greater confidence to return to acquisition activity, and financial investors are also re-establishing their interest in the sector. IPO activity levels look set to rise. This is one of the conclusions of Ernst & Young's annual review of global oil and gas transactions, a summary of which can be found in this edition of the *Oil and Gas Eye*. As ever, there will be winners and losers in 2011, but perhaps there is now less caution in the cautious optimism.

Quarterly trend of funds raised on AIM – oil and gas, and all sectors

Source: Ernst & Young analysis of AIM market statistics



Oil and gas funds raised in 2010 (£ million)

	AIM		Main Market	
	New issues	Further issues	New issues	Further issues
Q4 2010	103.9	927.1	0.0	6.8
Q3 2010	22.0	326.2	0.0	0.0
Q2 2010	0.0	467.0	1,271.7	21.3
Q1 2010	6.0	182.3	0.0	1,064.8
Total	131.9	1,902.6	1,271.7	1,092.9

Source: London Stock Exchange

Winners in Q4 2010 had exploration success and sealed strategic partnerships

In Q4 2010, 70% of the companies in the AIM oil and gas universe recorded share price gains. The "winners" in this quarter were those companies able to demonstrate exploration success and the ability to secure partnerships to improve near-term cash flow and help advance projects.

Shares in **Xcite Energy** increased in price by 263% over the fourth quarter of 2010. During December, the company announced the successful completion of a well test on the Bentley field in the North Sea. The flow test demonstrated the commercial potential of the field, and first-stage production is planned for this year. Xcite Energy was one of five companies promoted to the Oil and Gas Eye index at the end of the fourth quarter. It was joined by Aurelian Oil & Gas, PetroNeft Resources, Jubilant Energy and Chariot Oil & Gas.

The share price of **Xtract Energy** was 212% higher at the end of the fourth quarter compared with the beginning. In December, the company announced that Elko Energy, in which Xtract Energy has a 50% shareholding, had reached a deal with Chevron under which, in consideration for all of Elko's interests in two blocks offshore the Netherlands, it will receive a royalty of 5% of all the sales value from Chevron gas delivered into the Dutch National Transmission System and Chevron's condensate delivered onshore.

During December, **Matra Petroleum** announced that it had been awarded a production licence for the Sokolovskoe field in Russia for an initial term of 20 years. The licence will allow Matra to move ahead with the full development of the field. Shares in the company were 122% higher by the end of the fourth quarter.

Ascent Resources announced in December that EnQuest, a FTSE 250 company, had agreed to dispose of its 48.75% interest in the Petisovci project in Slovenia in return for a 22.5% equity stake in Ascent. EnQuest will provide technical support to Ascent for the evaluation of future European business opportunities and also has an option over additional shares in Ascent subject to certain criteria related to the successful development of the Petisovci project. The share price of Ascent Resources was 121% higher at the end of the fourth quarter.

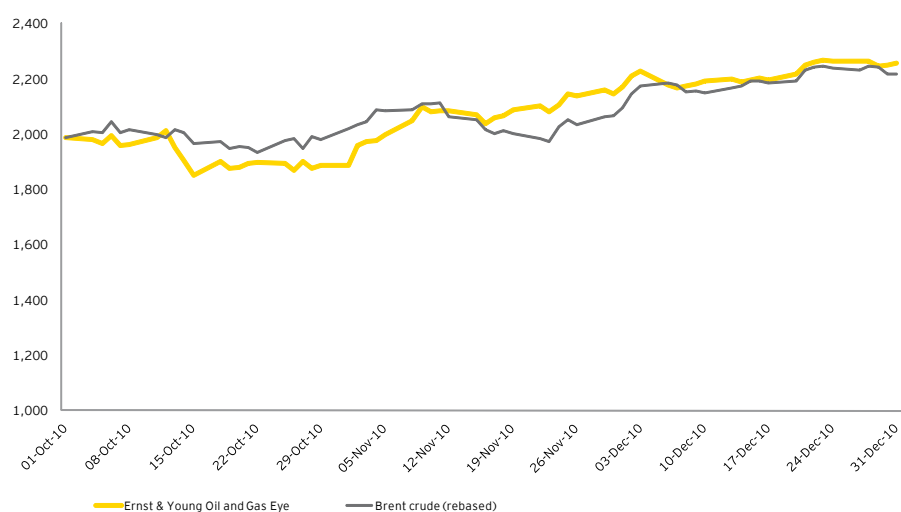
In November, **BowLeven** released news of two potentially significant discoveries offshore Cameroon. The company said that, while further evaluation and appraisal is required, it was confident that the discoveries are potentially transformational. During the quarter, the company also

announced that it had entered into a revised option agreement with Vitol. Under the agreement, Vitol has an option to acquire a 10% participating interest in the Etinde Permit offshore Cameroon, in return for funding an agreed US\$50 million appraisal work program. The share price of BowLeven was 111% higher at the end of the fourth quarter.

In November, **Oilex Ltd** informed investors that it had noted the increase in its share price, believed to be related to a press report in India concerning the company's Cambay contract area in Gujarat, but added that it is was not aware of any information about it that has not been announced and could be an explanation for the recent trading in the company's shares. The share price of Oilex was 82% higher at the end of the fourth quarter.

Performance of the Oil and Gas Eye index and oil price over Q4 2010

Source: Ernst & Young, Thomson Datastream



Fallers in Q4 2010 suffer from disappointing drilling results

30% of companies in the AIM oil and gas universe registered a fall in their share price in the fourth quarter. The main factor affecting the share price of the "fallers" was disappointing exploration well results.

Shares in **Desire Petroleum** lost 69% of their value through the fourth quarter. In early December, Desire announced that preliminary data indicated that the Rachel North exploration well was an oil discovery. However, a couple of days later the company issued an update saying that the Rachel North well would be plugged and abandoned after further test results showed it was not, as initially thought, the company's first oil discovery in the North Falkland Basin. The news also reduced the share price of **Rockhopper Exploration**, which has a 7.5% working interest in the Rachel North well. By the end of the quarter, Rockhopper's share price was 21% lower. However, Rockhopper remains the only company to date to have made an oil discovery in the North Falkland Basin with its 100% owned Sea Lion discovery.

In late December, Desire Petroleum announced that drilling and wireline logging data showed that no hydrocarbons had been found in the Jacinta Prospect in the North Falkland Basin. Desire Petroleum was one of five companies to exit the Oil and Gas Eye index at the end of the fourth quarter. The other four companies to exit the index were Petro Matad, Borders & Southern Petroleum, Petroceltic and Valiant Petroleum.

The share price of **Valiant Petroleum** ended the fourth quarter 31% lower following some disappointing drilling results. In October, Valiant Petroleum reported that its operated Viola North exploration well in the North Sea would be plugged and abandoned as a dry hole. In December, the company announced that its Don Southwest "H" panel exploration well would also be plugged and abandoned as a dry hole.

Independent Resources announced in October that its Sidi Toui-4 exploration well in Tunisia would be plugged and abandoned, without testing, and that the drilling rig would be demobilized. The well had previously encountered operational difficulties and delays. Shares in the company ended the quarter down 43%.

Shares in **Petro Matad** lost 34% of their value through the fourth quarter. In early December, the company announced that it had suspended drilling operations at its Davsan Tolgoi-4 well site in Mongolia due to worsening winter weather conditions. Drilling will resume in the spring.

During December, **Leed Petroleum** announced that it had commenced a strategic review process to consider options for reducing the company's current debt level. The Gulf of Mexico-focused company will consider a range of options including divesting some or all of the company's oil and gas assets, securing a new bank credit facility and other potential transactions, such as a merger with another company. The share price of Leed Petroleum was 16% lower at the end of the fourth quarter compared with the start.

Performance of the Oil and Gas Eye index and FTSE 350 Oil & Gas Producers index since 2008

Source: Ernst & Young, Thomson Datastream



Main Market oil and gas movers

On the Main Market, the principal factors affecting the share price of oil and gas companies in the FTSE 350 during the fourth quarter were strategic acquisitions and the results of drilling programs. A number of independent companies outperformed the larger, integrated oil majors in the three months to the end of the year.

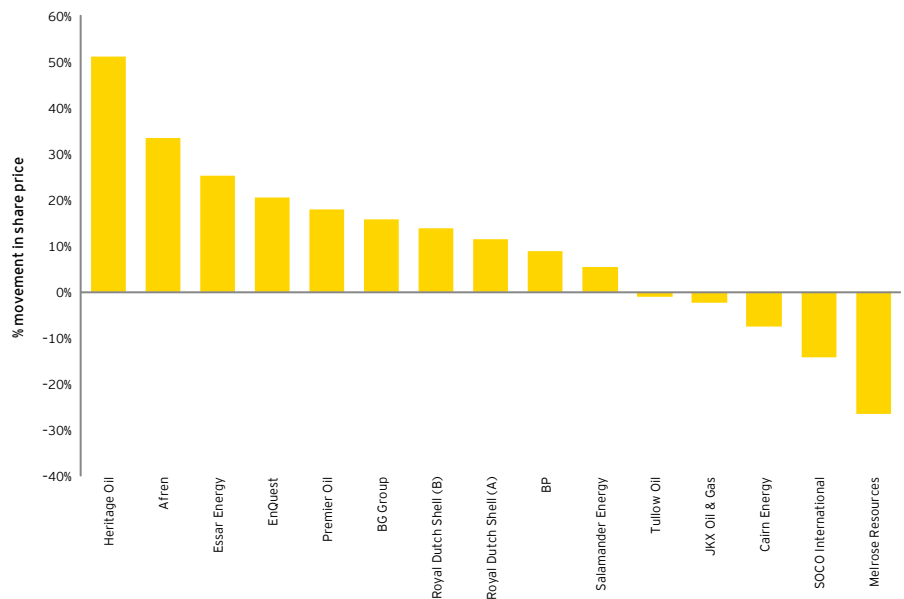
EnQuest completed its acquisition of Stratic Energy in November, thereby increasing its North Sea 2P reserves by 7.27Mboe. As discussed earlier, EnQuest also agreed to dispose of its interest in its Slovenian asset in return for a 22.5% equity stake in Ascent Resources. The share price of EnQuest rose by 20% over the fourth quarter.

In October, **Afren** announced that First Hydrocarbon Nigeria, in which Afren holds a 45% interest, had reached an agreement with Shell for the acquisition of the OML 26 block onshore Nigeria. During the fourth quarter, Afren also announced that the commercial viability of the Okowk development well offshore Nigeria had been established and Ebok field well tests provided confirmation of Phase 1 production expectations, with production start-up anticipated in February 2011. The share price of Afren was 33% higher at the end of the fourth quarter compared with the start.

In November, **Melrose Resources** announced that Sterling Energy had withdrawn the request previously made to the Romanian National Agency for Mineral Resources to assign a 32.5% working interest in the Pelican and Midia blocks to Melrose. Shares in Melrose Resources lost 26% of their value through the fourth quarter

Share price movements of FTSE 350 Oil & Gas Producers over Q3 2010

Note: Essar Energy and EnQuest entered the FTSE 350 Oil & Gas Producers' index during Q3 2010
Source: Thomson Datastream



JKX Oil & Gas announced a lack of success with two of its exploration wells in Bulgaria during the quarter. Both the Staro Oryahovo South R-01 and the Shkorpilovtsi South West R-01 exploration wells have been plugged and abandoned. By the end of the quarter, JKX Oil & Gas's share price was 2% lower compared with the start of the period.

Despite achieving first oil from the Jubilee field in Ghana in mid-December, **Tullow Oil's** share price was 1% lower at the end of the fourth quarter. **BP's** share price closed the quarter up 9%, but it has not yet recovered all of the losses following events in the Gulf of Mexico and was down 22% on the year.

Secondary fund-raising in the oil and gas sector in the fourth quarter was £927.1 million, 69% higher than the amount raised in the comparable quarter of 2009 and 184% higher than the total raised in the third quarter of 2010. The total amount raised from further issues in 2010 was nearly £2 billion, the highest annual amount ever raised by oil and gas companies on AIM.

Secondary fund-raising across the wider AIM market totalled £2,557.1 million in the fourth quarter of 2010, which compares with £982.4 million raised in the previous quarter. In 2010, total secondary fund-raising by AIM-listed companies equaled £5,637.9 million, the highest level for three years.

Secondary fund-raising recovers strongly in 2010

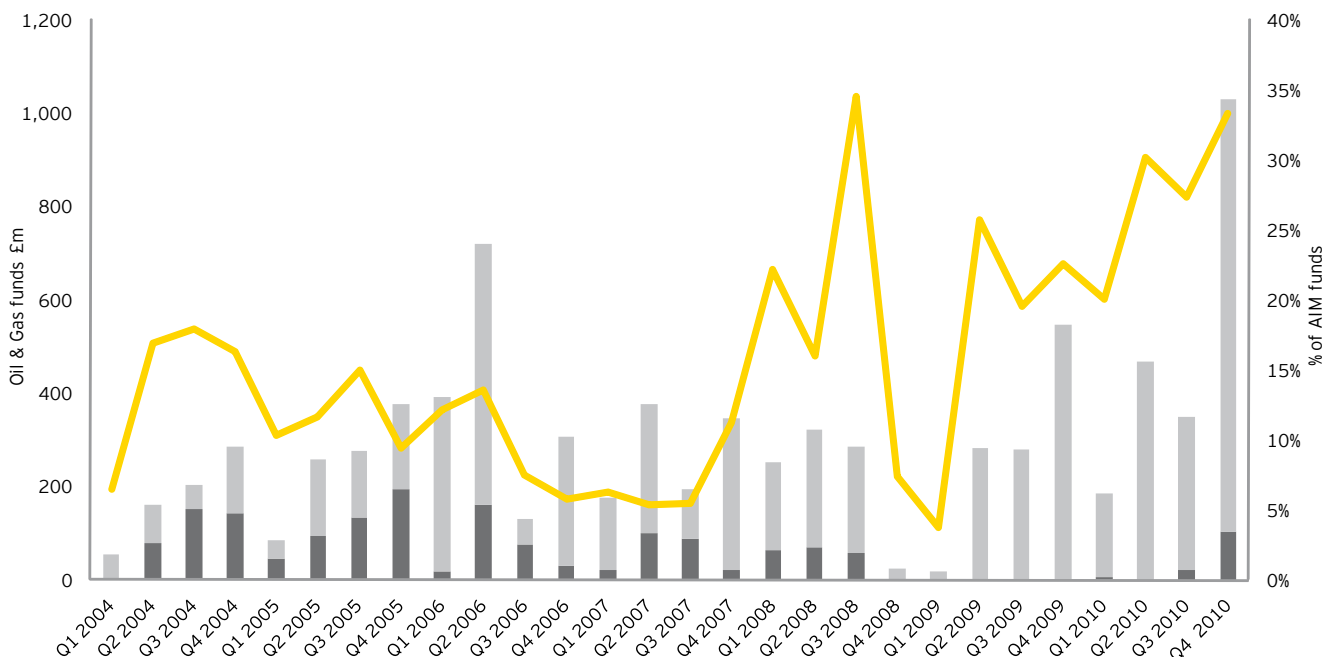
On the Main Market, Hardy Oil & Gas raised £6.8 million via a placing in late December. Hardy intends to add the proceeds to its working capital to be used for the company's ongoing capital program on its oil and gas assets in India. Hardy was the only oil and gas company on the Main Market to raise funds via further issues in the fourth quarter. Over the course of 2010, oil and gas companies listed on the Main Market raised a total of £1,092.9 million through secondary fund-raising, 74% less than the amount raised by their junior peers.

The AIM-listed oil and gas companies that were successful in raising funds in the fourth quarter included:

- ▶ **Rockhopper Exploration** raised £200 million through a placing in October. The company intends to use the proceeds to appraise the Sea Lion prospect in the North Falkland Basin in order to move toward a final investment decision and also to drill further exploration wells on its acreage.
- ▶ In November, **Cove Energy** successfully completed a placing, which raised £110 million before expenses. The proceeds, together with the company's existing cash balances, will be used to fund the company's share of its anticipated costs relating to its assets in Mozambique, Tanzania and Kenya and potential new opportunities, including acquisitions of strategic projects and further licence interests.
- ▶ European-focused **Aurelian Oil & Gas** successfully completed a placing in December that raised £84 million. The proceeds from the capital raising will be used by the company to drill a further 12 wells, establish two new businesses in its existing core areas and create two potential new strategic alliances to capture complementary acreage.
- ▶ **Faroe Petroleum**, which is principally focused on exploration and production in the Atlantic Margin, North Sea and Norway, successfully raised £62 million through a placing that completed in November. The company intends to use the proceeds to fund appraisal and pre-development of existing discoveries, increased exposure to exploration upside by taking larger stakes and committing to new wells, and the acquisition of appraisal and production assets.
- ▶ Kurdistan-focused **Gulf Keystone Petroleum** raised gross proceeds of £109 million via a placing in October. The funds will be used to finance activities that help accelerate the company's drilling program across its four blocks in Kurdistan.
- ▶ **BowLeven** raised £72 million by way of a placing held in November. BowLeven intends to use its existing cash balances and the proceeds from the placing to fund an extensive exploration and appraisal drilling program across its Cameroon acreage.

Oil and gas funds raised as a proportion of total funds raised on AIM

Source: Ernst & Young analysis of AIM market statistics



Global oil and gas transactions review 2010

Ernst & Young's recently released annual global oil and gas transactions review looks back at some of the main trends in oil and gas merger and acquisition activity over 2010 and considers the outlook for deal activity across the sector in 2011.

Last year's publication was concluded by predicting that 2010 would be a healthier year for upstream and oilfield services transactions, whereas over-capacity in some regions was likely to drive a period of uncertainty and challenges in the downstream sector. By and large, these predictions have held true, although there have been diverse regional trends underlying this macro view. 2011 looks set to continue the themes of 2010 against the backdrop of gradually improving capital market conditions.

In aggregate, 947 deals were announced in 2010, with upstream continuing to dominate the landscape, accounting for 73% of transactions. Volumes were 5% higher when compared to last year. The total value of oil and gas transactions announced globally reached US\$270 billion. This is one of the highest values of total deals recorded for the sector, and 35% higher relative to last year's figure.

Rebounding crude prices (Brent averaged US\$79.62/bbl in 2010 compared to US\$74.58/bbl in 2009) and better capital availability provided a support to the increase in deal values. Gas prices, a victim of a robust supply position in a time of moderated demand, were not as strong, but this dynamic also represented an important, albeit more opportunistic, driver of transaction activity in many regions.

An improving corporate environment and strengthening share valuations have led to a reversal of last year's dominance of corporate transactions, with asset deals moving from 34% of 2009 transaction values up to 58% of 2010. Valuation, of course, is only one determinant of whether to pursue a corporate or asset acquisition strategy. There is a range of other factors to be considered; for example, the people dynamic, often overlooked in asset-hungry upstream expansion, has grown in prominence in recent years. Corporate transactions enable acquirers to quickly establish an experienced workforce, which could be invaluable when expanding into new geographies, products or customer types.

Ins and outs of the AIM oil and gas universe

The AIM oil and gas universe (including oilfield services companies) stood 99 strong at the end of the fourth quarter compared with 106 at the start of 2010. Trading on AIM of Stratic Energy shares was canceled in November after EnQuest completed the acquisition of all the issued and outstanding Stratic shares. Stratic Energy is now a wholly owned subsidiary of EnQuest.

There were two IPOs on AIM by oil and gas companies in the fourth quarter, raising a total of £103.9 million. Shares in Jubilant Energy, which has interests in nine blocks in India, were admitted to trading on AIM following the successful completion of its IPO in November. Madagascar Oil & Gas, which is involved in the exploration and development of five contiguous blocks onshore Western Madagascar, raised gross proceeds of £50.5 from its IPO on AIM in late November.

However, in December the company requested that its shares be temporarily suspended from trading pending an announcement. In the announcement, Madagascar Oil & Gas said that the Ministry of Mines

and Hydrocarbons had indicated that it is interested in acquiring from the company all but one of its licences. The company added that there was no guarantee that any price agreed for such an acquisition will be representative of the fair value of the assets and that it intends to robustly defend its position.

In 2010, there were a total of four oil and gas IPOs on AIM, raising a combined £131.9 million. There was just one oil and gas IPO on the Main Market in 2010. Shares in Essar Energy were admitted to trading on the Main Market in May following the successful completion of its IPO, which raised £1.2 billion.

There were 23 IPOs in other sectors on London's junior market in the fourth quarter, raising a total of £541.3 million. This was 86% more than the amount raised in the previous quarter and 36% higher than the total raised in the fourth quarter of 2009. In total, £1,213.8 million was raised via 98 new issues on AIM in 2010, the highest amount raised since 2007.

In Ernst & Young's separately published *Capital Confidence Barometer*, at the end of 2010 half of all oil and gas respondents indicated that they were actively looking to take advantage of inorganic growth through M&A. This is more than double the percentage who held this view at the end of 2009.

We anticipate this increasing optimism will underpin robust transaction activity levels in 2011, with a greater range of acquirers being active. Smaller companies who have been nursing their balance sheets through recent years may feel greater confidence to return to acquisition activity, and financial investors are also re-establishing their interest in the sector. IPO activity levels look set to rise. Upstream is likely to remain the engine room of deal flow, with a similarly positive outlook for the oilfield services sector. This optimism, however, must be taken in the context of the wider economy, which drives demand for the key end products of the oil and gas industry and determines capital availability. Downstream looks most susceptible to these near-term trends, and activity could remain subdued in this sector while over-capacity continues.

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Oil and Gas Eye index constituents at start of each quarter

Source: Ernst & Young, Thomson Datastream

Q2 2010	MV £m	Q3 2010	MV £m	Q4 2010	MV £m	Q1 2011	MV £m
Bankers Petroleum Ltd	1,380	Bankers Petroleum Ltd	1,050	Bankers Petroleum Ltd	1,207	Energy XXI (Bermuda) Ltd	1,370
Indus Gas Ltd	928	Indus Gas Ltd	913	Gulf Keystone Petroleum Ltd	947	Gulf Keystone Petroleum Ltd	1,271
Energy XXI (Bermuda) Ltd	708	Energy XXI (Bermuda) Ltd	652	Rockhopper Exploration Plc	893	Bankers Petroleum Ltd	1,191
Green Dragon Gas Ltd	554	Rockhopper Exploration Plc	562	Indus Gas Ltd	828	Indus Gas Ltd	1,136
Gulf Keystone Petroleum Ltd	443	Green Dragon Gas Ltd	503	Energy XXI (Bermuda) Ltd	777	Rockhopper Exploration Plc	948
Gulfsands Petroleum Plc	386	Gulf Keystone Petroleum Ltd	457	Green Dragon Gas Ltd	562	Green Dragon Gas Ltd	930
Coastal Energy Company	316	Falkland Oil & Gas Ltd	357	Desire Petroleum Plc	528	BowLeven Plc	817
Sterling Energy Plc	311	Sterling Energy Plc	319	Gulfsands Petroleum Plc	391	Xcite Energy Ltd	608
BowLeven Plc	240	Coastal Energy Company	317	Faroe Petroleum Plc	349	Cove Energy Plc	474
Valiant Petroleum Plc	239	Gulfsands Petroleum Plc	308	BowLeven Plc	347	Gulfsands Petroleum Plc	462
Borders & Southern Petroleum Plc	226	Borders & Southern Petroleum Plc	295	Encore Oil Plc	342	Ithaca Energy Inc	434
Ithaca Energy Inc	226	Desire Petroleum Plc	293	Nautical Petroleum Plc	313	Coastal Energy Company	428
Geopark Holdings Ltd	218	Valiant Petroleum Plc	271	Petro Matad Ltd	313	Encore Oil Plc	390
Regal Petroleum Plc	208	BowLeven Plc	250	Borders & Southern Petroleum Plc	309	Faroe Petroleum Plc	382
Petroceltic International Plc	193	Geopark Holdings Ltd	244	Valiant Petroleum Plc	293	Geopark Holdings Ltd	365
Falkland Oil & Gas Ltd	190	Ithaca Energy Inc	208	Ithaca Energy Inc	290	Nautical Petroleum Plc	347
Cove Energy Plc	179	Faroe Petroleum Plc	206	Coastal Energy Company	272	Aurelian Oil & Gas Plc	336
Volga Gas Plc	166	Petroceltic International Plc	201	Geopark Holdings Ltd	257	Petronett Resources Plc	290
Desire Petroleum Plc	165	Cove Energy Plc	171	Cove Energy Plc	242	Jubilant Energy N.V.	277
Serica Energy Plc	154	Volga Gas Plc	163	Petroceltic International Plc	222	Chariot Oil & Gas Ltd	272
Exits		Exits		Exits		Exits	
Amerisur Resources Plc		Regal Petroleum Plc		Falkland Oil & Gas Ltd		Desire Petroleum Plc	
Faroe Petroleum Plc		Serica Energy Plc		Sterling Energy Plc		Petro Matad Ltd	
				Volga Gas Plc		Borders & Southern Petroleum Plc	
						Valiant Petroleum Plc	
						Petroceltic International Plc	
Entrants		Entrants		Entrants		Entrants	
Cove Energy Plc		Faroe Petroleum Plc		Encore Oil Plc		Xcite Energy Ltd	
Serica Energy Plc		Rockhopper Exploration Plc		Nautical Petroleum Plc		Aurelian Oil & Gas Plc	
				Petro Matad Ltd		Petronett Resources Plc	
						Jubilant Energy N.V.	
						Chariot Oil & Gas Ltd	

Funds raised on AIM to Q4 2010

Source: Ernst & Young analysis of AIM market statistics

New issues include placings, introductions, transfers and readmissions (money raising and non-money raising)

New issues	Oil and gas		All AIM		Oil and gas as % of all AIM	
	No. of companies/issues	Funds raised (£m)	No. of companies/issues	Funds raised (£m)	No. of companies/issues	Funds raised
Q4 2010	2	103.9	35	541.3	5.7%	19.2%
Q3 2010	1	22.0	31	290.6	3.2%	7.6%
Q2 2010	0	0	18	144.6	0.0%	0.0%
Q1 2010	1	6.0	14	237.4	7.1%	2.5%
Q4 2009	0	0.0	18	396.8	0.0%	0.0%
Q3 2009	0	0.0	4	117.75	0.0%	0.0%
Q2 2009	0	0.0	8	223.0	0.0%	0.0%
Q1 2009	0	0.0	5	3.0	0.0%	0.0%
2008	13	190.4	115	1,079.4	11.3%	17.6%
2007	17	233.8	284	6,828.6	6.0%	3.4%
2006	28	287.5	462	9,908.6	6.1%	2.9%
2005	38	470.6	519	6,460.8	7.3%	7.3%
2004	20	374.0	356	2,776.0	5.6%	13.5%
2003	5	27.8	163	1,095.4	3.1%	2.5%
2002	6	29.1	161	490.1	3.7%	5.9%

Further issues	Oil and gas		All AIM		Oil and gas as % of all AIM	
	No. of companies/issues	Funds raised (£m)	No. of companies/issues	Funds raised (£m)	No. of companies/issues	Funds raised
Q4 2010	121	927.1	741	2,557.1	16.3%	36.3%
Q3 2010	58	326.2	594	982.4	9.8%	33.2%
Q2 2010	62	467.0	679	1,404.3	9.1%	33.3%
Q1 2010	68	180.6	580	694.0	11.7%	26.0%
Q4 2009	97	547.2	739	2,027.5	13.1%	27.0%
Q3 2009	86	278.9	699	1,312.0	12.3%	21.3%
Q2 2009	59	281.0	692	871.1	8.5%	32.3%
Q1 2009	20	18.1	466	560.6	4.3%	3.2%
2008	238	693.1	3,148	3,214.5	7.6%	21.6%
2007	287	858.6	3,904	9,610.2	7.4%	8.9%
2006	261	1,262.3	3,389	5,734.3	7.7%	22.0%
2005	186	527.0	2,506	2,481.2	7.4%	21.2%
2004	144	328.9	2,024	1,880.3	7.1%	17.5%
2003	80	193.4	1,473	999.7	5.4%	19.3%
2002	67	22.7	1,126	485.8	6.0%	4.7%

Total issues	Oil and gas		All AIM		Oil and gas as % of all AIM	
	No. of companies/issues	Funds raised (£m)	No. of companies/issues	Funds raised (£m)	No. of companies/issues	Funds raised
Q4 2010	123	1,031.0	776	3,098.4	15.9%	33.3%
Q3 2010	59	348.2	625	1,273.0	9.4%	27.4%
Q2 2010	62	467.0	697	1,548.9	8.9%	30.2%
Q1 2010	69	186.6	594	931.4	11.6%	20.0%
Q4 2009	97	547.2	757	2,424.3	12.8%	22.6%
Q3 2009	86	278.9	703	1,429.8	12.2%	19.5%
Q2 2009	59	281	696	1,094.3	8.5%	25.7%
Q1 2009	20	18.11	471	563.5	4.2%	3.2%
2008	251	883.5	3,263	4,293.9	7.7%	20.6%
2007	304	1,092.5	4,188	16,423.7	7.3%	6.7%
2006	289	1,549.8	3,851	15,642.9	7.5%	9.9%
2005	224	997.6	3,025	8,942.4	7.4%	11.2%
2004	164	702.9	2,380	4,656.2	6.9%	15.1%
2003	85	221.2	1,636	2,095.2	5.2%	10.6%
2002	73	51.8	1,287	975.8	5.7%	5.3%

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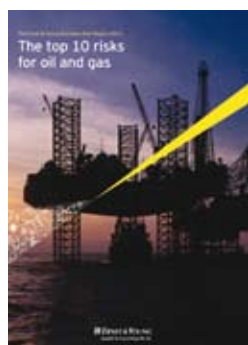
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