

Remora's export debate: Never done before!

On Tuesday, February 3, Remora co-hosted and sponsored an export debate and reception during the Deep Offshore Technology International Conference & Exhibition (DOT) in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Traditionally, export systems bring together facilities engineers, marketing and midstream people and field development planners, all with different perspectives and often with different business agendas. The paper "The Lower Tertiary Trend and the Oil Export Economic Prize" presented by Peter Lovie, Senior Advisor for Devon Energy at DOT earlier the same day was unusual in bringing into the open the economics of different types of export systems and a methodology for comparing. It dealt with available export methods (pipelines, storage vessel and shuttle tankers, conventional and shuttle tanker solutions, use of HiLoad units), claiming that it all hinges on locations and specific economics.

Prompted by industry interest on these issues, the export debate and reception discussed if Lovie's assumptions are reasonable to use, and if his paper really represent a fair assessment of the situation. The viewpoints of different export solution contractors were combined with viewpoints from end users of the different disciplines that affect decisions on the multi-billion dollar choices for the remote ultra-deep waters of the US Gulf of Mexico.

Technology Manager Gene Kliewer from Offshore Magazine moderated the authoritative and balanced panel that consisted of representatives from the contractor and operator communities (Williams, Project Consultants, Remora, OSG Shipholding Group and Devon Energy), all gathered to answer questions and debate with the audience in a relaxed cocktail hour atmosphere at one of New Orleans' legendary warehouse hotels.

"With more than 80 people in the audience representing different areas of the oil industry we consider the event a success, especially since it is the first time a cross disciplinary export debate of this kind has been organized. It proved that this is the perfect moment to establish an open and friendly discussion on such important issues of great present interest, said Remora's Vice President, Kim Diederichsen.

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The gunslingers (panelists) for the "Shootout at the LT Corral".
From the left: Rex Mars, Project Consulting; Jim Healey, Williams; Tom Burgess, OSG; Kim Diederichsen, Remora; Peter Lovie, Devon; Gene Kliewer, Offshore Magazine.



Large audience at the debate and reception while Peter Lovie fires the first shots, recapping on his DOT paper earlier in the day.



Successful event in relaxed New Orleans atmosphere.
From the left: Participant Eric Namtvedt (Floatec) and moderator Gene Kliewer (Offshore Magazine) together with Remora's Kim Diederichsen and Helen Kierulf Svane.