Norway – local content lessons learned

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A changing world oil market
Political leaders will play a new role

Russia – sanctions
But still high production and exports of oil and gas

USA – a new and unclear president
His aims is more production of oil and gas in the US

China – reduced production of oil and gas at home
Has to import more
Local content has spread rapidly

Regulatory requirements have emerged

- Local content has become a regulatory requirement
- It has entered the agenda of most resource-rich countries
- Local involvement was a “gentlemen’s agreement” – not a binding requirement like in the “old days”
- Oil companies used to start working with the tide or ahead of it to gain a “social license to operate”
- Most resource-driven countries have now legal local content provisions
Local content is far from a new feature
Brazil and Nigeria launched new policies

- Local content had two simple and powerful appeals
  - Create jobs at home rather than abroad
  - Channel business to home firms rather than foreign firms.
- Oil and gas local content policies introduced in 40-50 countries
- Brazil was a front-runner, but are recommending changes
- Nigeria had early legislation – less implementation
- Global organizations like WTO, regional agreements in US/Mexico/Canada and the European Union do not like local content policies
Oil changed Norway
"Make it an epoch – not an episode"

- The petroleum resources belong to the nation – and should be developed to the benefit of the whole society
- Norway’s goals were long term
  - National control and state participation
  - Resource management
  - Building and fostering a Norwegian oil community
  - Technology and competence
- The issues are still the country’s priorities

Quote 1971
Mr. Finn Lied, first Minister of Oil and Chairman of Statoil board for a decade
“Building on existing industrial experience”

- Norway was an industrially developed nation when oil was discovered.
- It had long maritime and engineering traditions and expertise.
- Adapted quickly to support ambitions of local content development.
- Norway hosted internationally competitive industries contributing to knowledge building in existing industries.
- Norway had a favourable geography, low priced hydropower and deep fjords for construction of concrete substructures.
“Delivering benefits to society”

• The government focused on delivering wide societal benefits
• Institutions and organisations were formed for this purpose
• The licensing system was used by the government and Statoil to obtain a foothold in the international supply chains
• A key principle for local content development was the encouragement of Norwegian supply and service participation
• Developing a competitive environment was instrumental in ensuring technological and institutional innovation
Saving hydrocarbon revenues for future generations

Pension fund is a key national strategy

- Norway used all the oil revenues for the first 30 years of oil and gas production
- The Oil Fund was created in 1994 to preserve Norway’s natural resource wealth
- Norway may still have 30-50 years of production left
Norway’s oil and gas structure

Several ministries have a role to play

- Parliament
  - Government
    - Ministry of Petroleum and Energy
      - The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate
    - Ministry of Climate and Environment
      - The Norwegian Environment Agency
    - Ministry of Labour
      - The Petroleum and Safety Authority
    - Ministry of Transport and Communication
      - The Norwegian Coastal Administration
    - Ministry of Finance
      - Government Pension Fund - Global

- The commercial instruments
  - Petoro AS
  - Gassco AS
  - Statoil ASA
Current situation
High-in country value addition

Oil and gas production beyond 2050
A snapshot of Norwegian oil and gas industry

Statoil has become the dominant operator

- More than 80 fields in production
- Liquids production some 2 million b/d
- Gas sales: 120 billion cubic meters
- The world’s second largest gas exporter
- Large system of pipelines linking Norway to Europe
  - LNG from the Barents Sea in the north
- More than 50 oil companies active in Norway
- Major oil companies less dominant than in the past
- Norway is prepared for a future with stricter climate change requirements with impact on oil and gas

Terje Søviknes
Minister of oil
Statoil strategy has been adjusted with time

Norwegian champion – global player

- Statoil is the Norwegian oil and gas champion
- Intended to serve broad purposes of Norwegian petroleum and economic development
- Statoil’s strategy has increasingly sought to assure its future by being competitive on the global stage
- Low oil prices have led to sales of assets in the USA and Canada
- But expansion in Brazil and offshore Canada
- Statoil’s strategy is now similar to that of many major international oil company
- But it has the advantage of a large domestic footprint

Eldar Sætre
Statoil’s 5th CEO
The oil industry has changed in four years
Profitable projects at far lower costs

- Norway has seen a major reduction in costs on the NCS in the last years due to the market collapse
- But more than 10 major offshore projects are under development
- The industry has adjusted itself to the new market
  - 40% cost reduction
  - More effective drilling
  - Simplified project solutions
  - Lower cost for people and their projects
  - Pipelines and cables cost have declined
- The Norwegian petroleum clusters are now able to deliver new profitable projects at far lower costs

Head of Norway Oil and Gas, Karl Eirik Schjøtt-Pedersen, former Minister of Finance
The Norwegian service and supply industry’s annual revenue was close to US$ 50 billion before the oil price collapsed.

- 40% of the revenues came from international markets
- The service and supply industry had 1250 active firms
- 125,000 were directly employed by the supply and service companies
  - 26,000 were permanently stationed offshore
  - Some 27,000 worked for the oil companies
- Near 100,000 jobs were indirectly linked to oil and gas
- More than 45,000 people have lost their jobs since the oil price began declining.
Development of investments in oil and gas
Several major projects are emerging
Technology – an important part of the business

Arvid Hallen
Head of R&D Center
The Norwegian oil and gas sector over 40 years

Local content policies and price of oil

Cost focus – NCS standards
Local content legislation introduced in 1972

Securing local firms a fair opportunity

“Norwegian goods and services should have preference provided it is competitive in price and quality, schedule and service”

§ 54 in the Petroleum Law

- Roles and responsibilities clearly defined between government and the oil companies
- The Ministry established an office to monitor local content in 1973
- Oil companies had to present all tenders above one million kroner
- The Ministry was informed of the evaluations before contract award
- Oil companies had to present their tendering strategy twice a year
- Supply based had to be located in Norway – not the UK
- Tendering information was released to the whole petroleum cluster
Norway’s strategic approach

Attracting global competent firms

- Norwegian supplier industry was built with a focus on ‘Norwegian content’ rather than ‘Norwegian ownership’
- Norway introduced policies to attract global competence
- Foreign ownership among Norwegian based suppliers above 50%
- Many have made strategic acquisition of local enterprises
- Have not harmed the development of the national clusters
- Rather led to more focus on competitiveness and technology
The government used incentives
Wide ranging technology cooperation

- Oil operators
- Oil service industry
- Universities and R&D centers

- Statoil
- Total
- Eni
- ConocoPhillips
- ExxonMobil
- AkerBP
- Lundin Norway
- NTNU
- SINTEF
- NCE Subsea
- IFE
- CMI
- IRIS
- TECHNI
- AkerSolutions
- aibel
- KVERNER
- FRAMO
- GIJ
- ABB
- Schlumberger
- subsea 7
- SIEMENS
- DOFJELL DRILLING
- Seadrill
- HALLIBURTON
- BW Offshore
- HÖEGH LNG
- technipfmc
Oil companies made the NCS a laboratory

New technologies – more production

- Troll Oil: Tapping a thin oil layer, Drilling systems, Advanced software
- Tordis IOR: Subsea separation boosting and injection system
- Åsgard: Åsgard Subsea gas compression - Boosting production
- Ormen Lange: Aker Solution Full scale subsea gas compression pilot
Local content no longer accepted
Norway and UK dropped local content in 1972
EU policies prohibit local content policies

- Norway and the UK introduced local content strategies in 1974
  - United Kingdom set up “Offshore Supplies Office”
  - The aim was to raise British participation from 30% to 70%
- Norway introduced policies to assist Norwegian based firms
  - Ministry of Petroleum monitored contracts awards
  - Statoil had a dominant role in all licenses and pushed for use of companies based in Norway
- The most important step was the use of concrete platforms
- Another key issue was to move engineering to Norway
- UK and Norway had to drop local content requirement in 1992
  - It was against European Union policies
Had to follow EU rules and regulations from the 1990s
No preference to Norwegian firms

- The Norwegian population voted against membership in the European Union twice
- But it joined the European Economic Area
- Norway had to introduce EU regulations to its oil and gas strategy
- The new regulations were based on competition as the key principle
  - Predictability, transparency, traceability
  - Prohibited to discriminate on the basis of nationality
  - Not allowed to use EU standards and specifications to obstruct competition

Infant industry argument no longer applicable
The NORSOK standards were developed by the Norwegian petroleum industry to ensure adequate safety, value adding and cost effectiveness.

The intention was to replace the specifications which the different oil companies were using.

79 national NORSOK standards are now in active use.

*Standards Norway* became an important basis for the regulations on the Norwegian continental shelf.

Hundreds of Norwegian experts participated in the petroleum standardization.

Norway’s petroleum standards are a voluntary tripartite cooperation between oil industry, employee unions and the government.
Growing focus on corruption issues
Statoil – its lesson learned was tough

- Statoil’s Iran contract with the son of a former President led to major changes
- He was involved in corruption
- The Chairman of Statoil, the CEO and the head of International E&P had to resign
  - Statoil got a large fine from the Norwegian Financial Police
  - Even larger fine from US investigations
- Norway has been exposed to a number of corruption cases in the oil and gas sector
- Established guidelines for 200 companies
- Worked hard to enable small and medium sized companies to handle the challenges
International expansion
Norway’s oil industry became global – for a while
Large international markets became important

- The Norwegian oil industry grew internationally in the late 1990s
- Norway established a new entity, INTSOK, to open the doors for the companies in new markets internationally'
- UK markets were the front runner
- Gulf of Mexico moved as fast
- Brazil became the big success story – more then 100 companies
- Norway’s oil and gas cluster operated all over the world
- Many Norwegian firms have been hard hit by the price collapse
South Korea was more competitive
Norwegian clients were difficult to handle

• Norwegian oil companies placed more than 10 major contracts three Korean yards
• Statoil had personnel in the yards to supervise all projects
• The cost went far above all contracts
• South Korea had a very different approach to the Norwegian firms
• Korean yards had a clear and rigid structure with a strong role for the top of the hierarchy
• They also had problems understanding the NORSOK-standards
• Will influence future Norwegian contracts
Local content must be seen in a wider perspective

**Innovation, learning, technology and cost**
Brazil’s has high research and development ambitions
Statoil involved in the Doris robot project

- Brazil’s high focus on R&D is attractive for many
- CENPES has become a strong force
- The robotics group at UFRJ is closely monitored by many outside Brazil
- The Doris robot project is a collaboration financed by Statoil and Petrobras
- The idea is that the robot should monitor and do surveillance of topside offshore installations
- The robot can be programmed to perform autonomous inspection rounds to detect anomalies or irregularities
- The robot is part of the oil industry’s new future

Norway’s Crown Prince Harald has visited CENPES to be briefed on new ideas
New challenges
Handled CO2 for future storage
Environment has been important for years

- Sleipner field – North Sea with a lot of CO2
- Six year study from 1990 found the way
- One million tonn CO\(_2\) stored every years
- Snøhvit field in the far north - 700 000 tonn annually
Local content should be seen in a wider perspective
A future with more focus on low carbon

- Oil and gas industry will be part of the solution to the world’s energy and climate challenges
- Major oil companies, like Total and Statoil, are investing actively in low-carbon technology and renewables, such as wind power.
- Climate policy measures should be predictable, transparent and internationally applied to avoid carbon leakage, ensure cost effectiveness and create a level playing field in global market
- A price on greenhouse gas emissions based on the “emitter pays” principle should be the preferred climate policy framework
The oil industry will have to face a new future
Civil society has become more influential

- Civil society has in the last decade grown in influence
- They are increasing setting the agenda
- They are influencing political leaders, financial institutions and government policies
- Issues like
  - The environment
  - Human rights
  - Corruption
- Demanding more transparency in the oil and gas sector
The far-north of Norway is still an uncertainty
Major potential remaining for the future