

## BAKKEN OIL RESOURCE PLAY WILLISTON BASIN (US) OVERVIEW AND HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE Neil L. Olesen July 28, 2010

- The largest oil reserves for a continuous oil accumulation in the lower 48 states.
- Play covers an estimated 15,000 square miles.
- Recoverable reserves are estimated at 4.2 billion barrels (USGS).
- ▲ 1,946 horizontal Bakken wells have been completed since 1/2000.
- 196 million BO have been produced from wells completed since 1/2000.
- Daily production is approximately 200,000 BO.
- Current rig count at 135.
- Bakken has been completed during 4 distinct episodes since 1953, each driven by an advance in drilling or completion technology.



- CRI is a leading Bakken player.
- Largest leaseholder in the Bakken play with about 807,000 net acres.
- CRI 2010 capital budget is \$1.3 billion, about 70% will be spent on the Bakken play.
- Currently operate 19 rigs.
- CRI will participate in over 200 Bakken wells during 2010, about 60% will be operated.







Production Rates

#### **GENERAL GEOLOGY - STRUCTURE**



- Symmetrical cratonic basin
- Bakken play active at depths of 8,500' – 12,000'
- Geothermal gradient ranges from 1.8 – 2.0 degrees F/100 feet
- Predominantly Laramide structures.
- Onset of hydrocarbon generation - Laramide
- Key structural factors:
- Vertical uplift and faulting
- Regional shear zones
- Salt dissolution in underlying Devonian



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- Productive wells are coincident with areas of thermal maturity.
- Productive wells are located from Bakken pinch out to Bakken depocenter.
- Hydrocarbon generation causes fracture generation via overpressuring.



 $HI = S_2/TOC$ 

#### **GENERAL GEOLOGY – CROSS-SECTION**





- Upper Shale
  - Highly organic (up to 20% TOC).
  - Brittle due to high silica content.
  - Max 28' thick.
- Middle Member
  - Varies from dolomite, sand, shaley lime and shale across the basin.
  - Porosity is low.
  - Max 87' thick.
- Lower Shale
  - Similar to Upper Shale.
  - Max 55' thick.



- Basin-centered oil resource play.
- Hydrocarbon system is charged by thermally mature and high TOC Bakken shale members.
- Hydrocarbon system is overpressured.
- Target zones include Middle Bakken member and Three Forks formations.
- Storage and deliverability are controlled by matrix porosity and k, tectonic fractures and fractures related to oil generation.



## HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE



AREAS:

- 1) Antelope Field
- 2) Bicentennial Elkhorn Fields
- 3) Elm Coulee Field
- 4) North Dakota Anticline
- TOPICS ADDRESSED:
  - Activity date
  - Geologic overview
  - Drilling and completion methods
  - Results
  - Conclusions



## CASE HISTORY (1) – ANTELOPE FIELD



### General data:

- Discovery date: 1953
- 59 Vertical wells
- Production from Sanish/Three Forks and Bakken interval
- Cum Field: 18 MMBOE
- Cum average well: 1.4 MMBOE, 4-5% porosity
- Spacing: <u>></u> 40 acres
- Predominantly no frac
- Volumetric problem with Sanish Sand

#### Conclusions:

- Matrix storage & deliverability in Three Forks and Bakken
- Strong tectonic fracture enhancement



## CASE HISTORY (2) – BICENTENNIAL/ELKHORN FIELD



## General Data:

- A living laboratory for vertical/horizontal wells and new/old technology
- Two stages of development: Vertical 1953-87, "old" horizontal from 1987-1994
- 84 Vertical wells
- Average vertical well EUR 111 MBO
- 176 Horizontal wells
- Average "old" horizontal well 144 MBO
- Best horizontal well 605 MBOE
- GOR's reflect tank-like behavior
- No frac's on horizontal wells
- Short lateral horizontals, 2200'
- Middle Bakken member not present in numerous wellbores
- Interference between wells in less than 18 months

## Conclusions:

- Three Forks matrix and tectonic fracture play
- Middle Bakken not required for production



## CASE HISTORY (3) – ELM COULEE



#### General Data:

- 6/2000 to present
- 640 wells, 550 sq. mi. area
- 107 MMBOE produced
- Best wells have EUR's of 500-1000 MBOE
- Dolomite shoreline facies, porosity 5-10 %, permeability up to 0.3 md
- Single, dual and triple laterals on 640's and 1280's
- Open hole fracture stimulation

## **Conclusions:**

- Primarily a matrix driven play
- Minor tectonic fracture influence



## CASE HISTORY (4) – ND ANTICLINE



## General Data:

- 2004 to present
- Estimate 750 wells completed
- 2400 sq. mi. area, 125 miles from north to south
- Vertical displacement of over 500 feet on Nesson Anticline
- Middle Bakken and Three Forks are targets
- Middle Bakken member has a highly variable lithology
- Porosity for both reservoirs averages 5-6%, permeabilities average in the 0.1's md.
- Dual reservoir model is substantially proven
- Currently determining optimum spacing
- Drilled first as dual laterals on 1280's, then dual lateral coplanars and currently single lateral 1280's
- Initially open hole fracs, linered fracs, and now linered-staged fracs
- EUR's and IP's have approximately doubled as a result of changes in frac technology

#### Conclusion:

The ND anticline play is successful due to fracture enhanced porosity and advancements in drilling and completion technology



# **Typical CLR Horizontal Well Configuration**

#### Drilling

- I,280 acre spacing
- 💧 10,000' avg. TVD
- ♦ ~9,000' single leg lateral
- 23 days to drill

#### Completion

- Currently using 24 stage fracs with some wells treated with as many as 30 stages
- Isolated with swell packers and plugs
- ♦ 40,000 bbls of x-link gel
- 2,000,000 pounds of proppant
- Treating pressures 6,000-8,000 psi @ 40 bbls / minute
- Complete 6-8 stages per day

## INDUSTRY TREND IS TOWARD MORE STAGES



- Williston Basin (US) Bakken play is a basin-centered oil resource play.
- Geology can high-grade opportunities within the play.
- Each area has required a leap forward in drilling and fracture stimulation practices to optimize production.
- With respect to drilling and completion practices, necessity has been the mother of invention.
- Early entry into the play and staying power through the determination of best methods are critical to success.

