

BP PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT LTD. (NORWAY)

Geochemical analysis of an oil sample from NOCS Well 2/11-1.

By S.P. Lowe and P. Callow

Memorandum

DR. D. SOUTH,

BP PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT OF NORWAY LTD., STAVANGER.

when did we ask for this?

T. DORAN, GEOCHEMISTRY BRANCH, EPD/SUNBURY

EPD/TD/6105 Ourref

Date 31st October, 1979

Your ref

GEOCHEMICAL EXAMINATION - OIL FROM 2/11-1

Please find the enclosed report for our work on the above sample. I apologise for our part in the delay, but you will probably recall that this sample presented some difficulty in being obtained and arrived some months late. For our part in the delay, I can only offer the usual reason - overload of work at a higher priority rating.

T. DORAN

c.t. Dr. D.A.L. Jenkins

Mr. L.P. Newman

Dr. F. Howitt

Mr. G.C. Speers

Dr. S.P. Lowe

Mr. T. Doran (2)

Files (2) 8/REG/NCS

PETROLEUM GEOCHEMISTRY LABORATORY BRIEF REPORT NO. 49/79

SAMPLE FROM NOCS WELL 2/11-1 W 25.

By S.P. Lowe and P. Callow

The sample of crude oil from the NOCS Well 2/11-1 received at Sunbury was derived from FIT 1. The Inspection Properties of the crude oil show it to be similar in many respects to other North Sea Crudes. It is a high quality oil with low asphaltene and sulphur contents. However, the wax content is only slightly lower than average for North Sea oils (^ 67 wt).

The type analysis of this oil together with the high resins content (23.6% wt) and apparently low saturates content (43.7% wt) suggests an oil of only moderate maturity. The relatively high value of 1.06 calculated from the n-alkane distribution is consistent with the suggestion that the oil is only moderately mature. The n-alkane distribution further suggests a high input of terrestial material.

The stable carbon isotope ratio $\delta^{13}\text{CpDB-1}$ of -29.0 per mil is indicative of a marginal marine source with a moderately high terrestial input. The sterane and pentacyclane distributions are not typical of those of North Sea Production crudes, but more typical of an oil that has not reached thermal maturity.

SPL/VAF 31st August 1979

