



# BlackGold Oil Sands Project

Directive 054 2021 Annual Performance Report Commercial Scheme Approval No. 11387

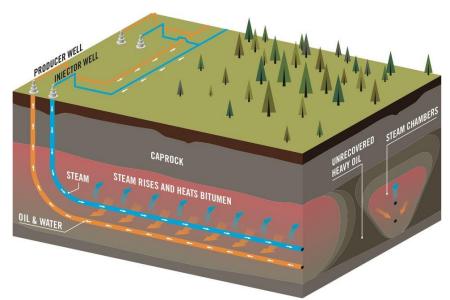




## **Background**



- BlackGold is a steam-assisted gravity drainage (SAGD) project owned and operated by Harvest Operations Corp.
- Phase 1 Commercial Scheme Approval received in 2010 for 1,590 m<sup>3</sup>/d bitumen production on an annual average basis
- Phase 2 approved in 2013 for an additional 3,180 m<sup>3</sup>/d (4,770 m<sup>3</sup>/d total) bitumen production
- Phase 1 became operational in 2018
- Phase 2 has not yet received final investment decision (FID)



**SAGD Recovery Process** 

#### Location

**R10** 

R9

R8



Project area covers 12 sections of land in 76-7-W4M, approximately 10km southeast of Conklin, Alberta **ALBERTA** HARVEST \_ **BLACK GOLD** NEXEN LEISMER PROJECT ARE MEG CHRISTINA LAKE PETROBANK WHITESANDS REGIONAL PROJECT AREA EXPERIMENTAL PROJECT ARES **CENOVUS CHRITINA LAKE** PROJECT AREA T76 HARVEST BLACKGOLD CENOVUS KIRBY EAST PROJECT PROJECT AREA AREA CNRL JACKFISH T75

R<sub>6</sub>

R7

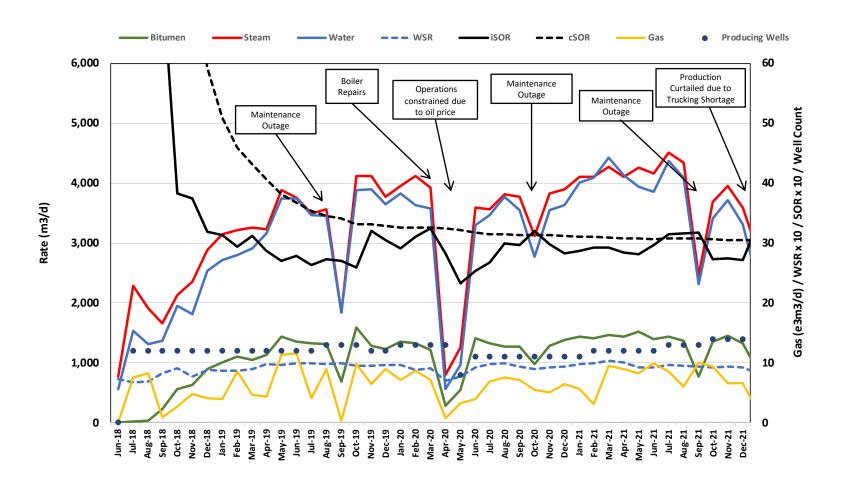
**R4W4** 





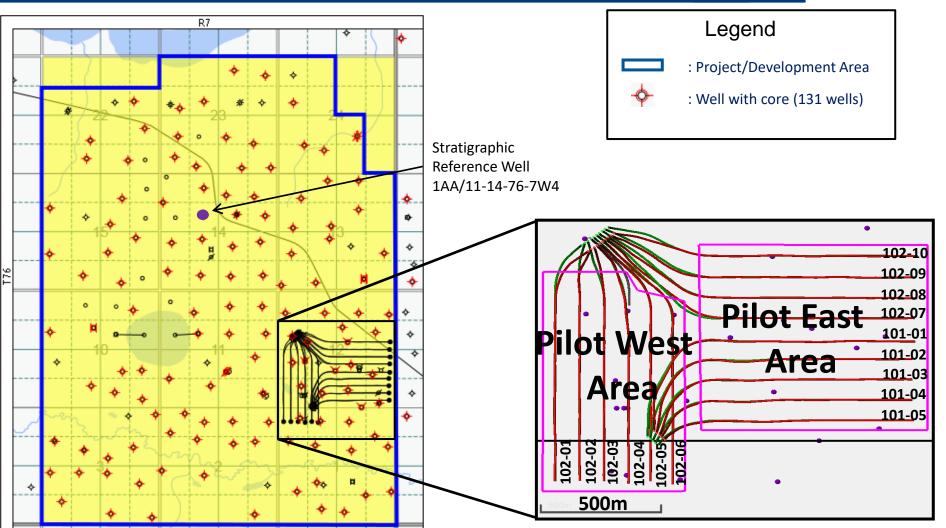
#### **Scheme Performance**





## **Drainage Patterns**

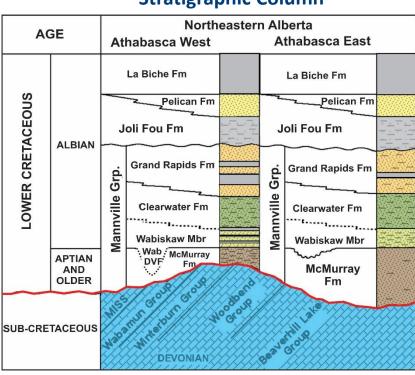




## **BlackGold Stratigraphy**



#### **Stratigraphic Column**



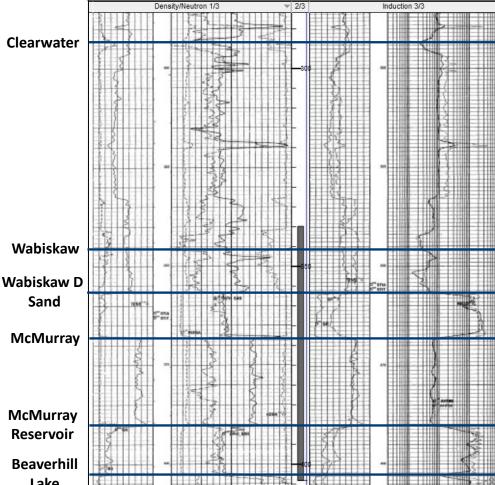
Source: Wightman & Pemberton, 1997



Sand

Reservoir

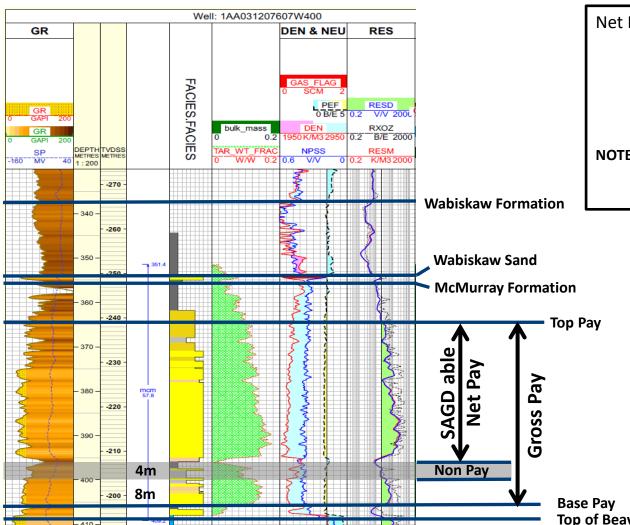
Lake



**Stratigraphic Reference Well** 

#### **BlackGold SAGDable Net Pay Definition**





Net Pay Criteria:

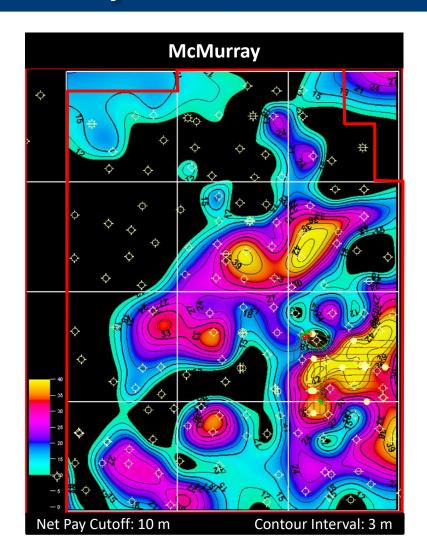
Resistivity (RT) >= 20 ohm-m Porosity (DPSS) >= 27% > 10 m continuous net pay No continuous breaks > 1 m

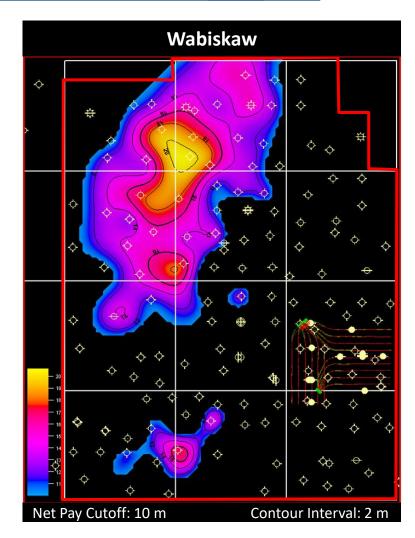
**NOTE:** 10m continuous pay is defined from cores, images and well logs. Not all shale breaks are continuous

Base Pay
Top of Beaverhill Lake Formation

# McMurray and Wabiskaw SAGDable Net Pay

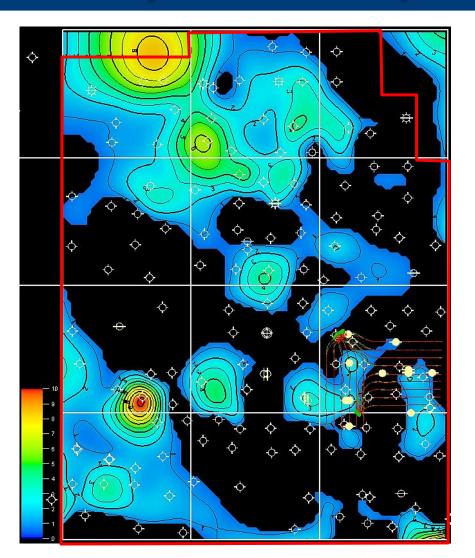






## **McMurray Bottom Water Isopach**





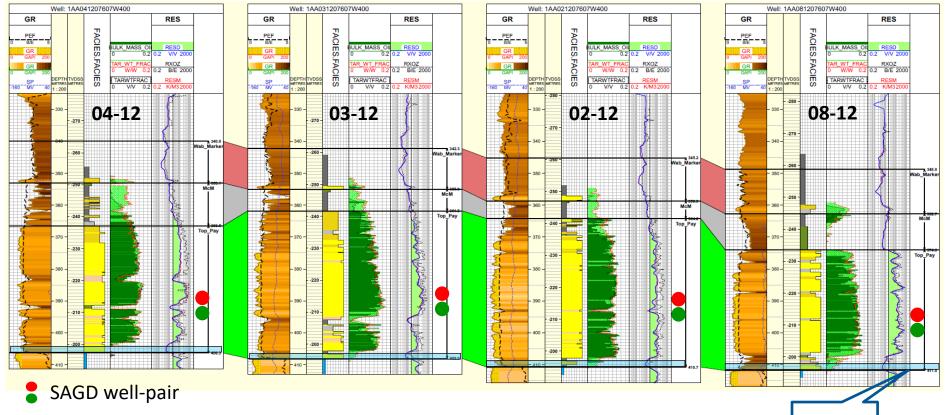
- Localized bottom water present over project/development area
- No McMurray formation top gas identified

Contour Interval: 1 m

Project Area:

# **McMurray Bottom Water**



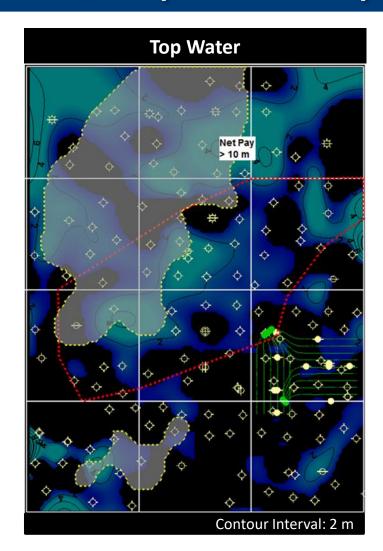


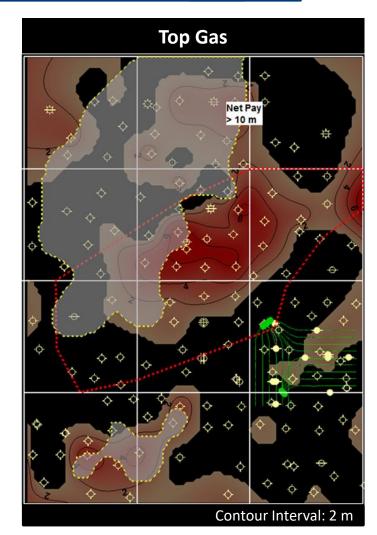
- Bottom water is generally localized and thin, and is either vertically distant or stratigraphically separate from identified SAGDable pay
- Stand off from well-pairs is often >10m

Localized bottom water

## **Wabiskaw Top Water and Top Gas Isopach**



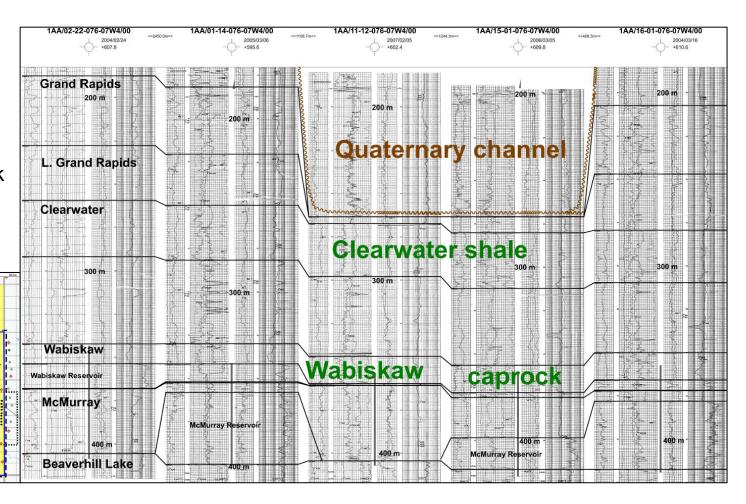




#### **Geomechanical Anomalies**

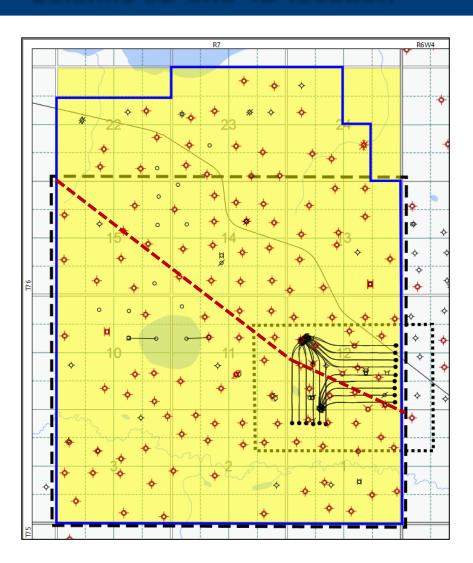


- No karsting
- No salt dissolution
- Quaternary channel does not incise Clearwater shale, or Wabiskaw caprock
- Datum: sea level



#### **Seismic 3D and 4D location**





Project Area

3D Seismic (23 km²) 2009 ---
4D Seismic (4.5 km²) ......

Baseline: 2012

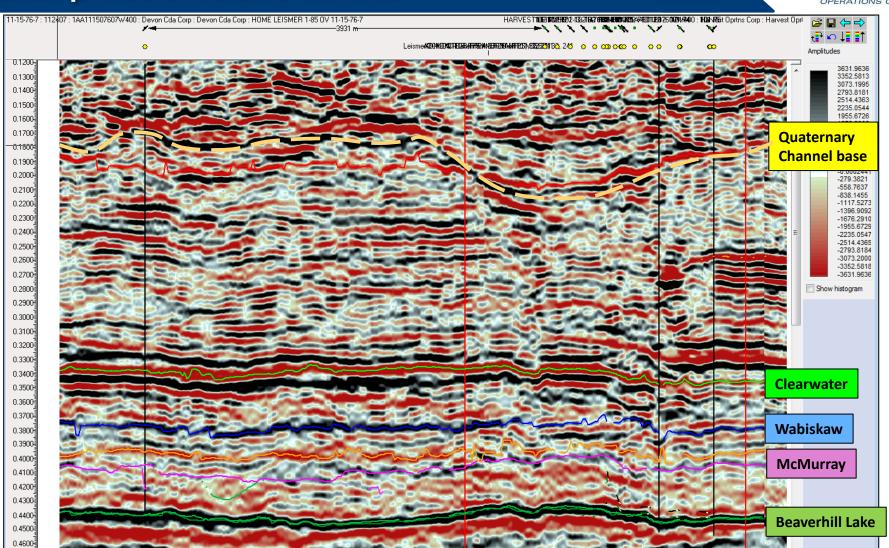
Monitor: 2020\*

Seismic example ------

<sup>\* 2020</sup> was last seismic acquisition

# **Example Seismic Line from 3D**

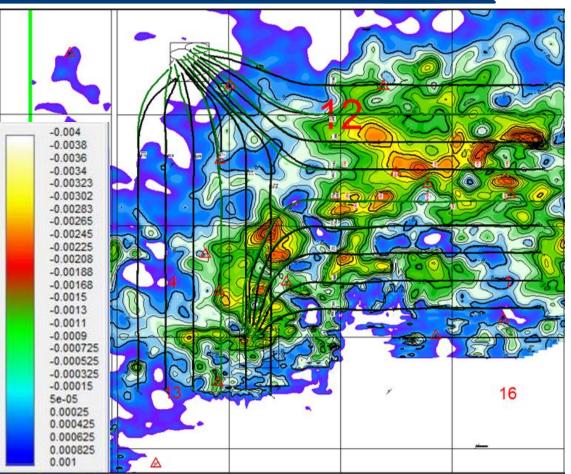




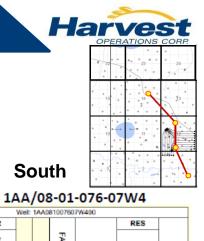
#### **4D Seismic**



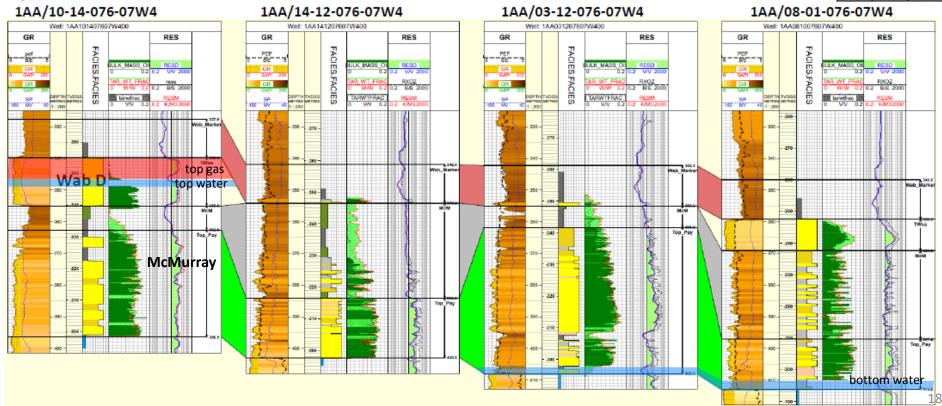
- Reservoir heating by steam injection decreases sonic velocity of "heated zone", resulting in depressed Beaverhill Lake (BHL) formation top in time domain (2020 BHL 2-way time > 2012 BHL 2way time).
- No 2021 update
- Map is BHL time 2012 BLH time 2020. Scale is seconds.
- Negative numbers show increase in 2-way travel time due to reservoir heating



#### **Representative Well Cross Section**







# Original Bitumen in Place and Well Pattern Properties



	McMurray			Wabiskaw
Property	Project / Development Area	Pilot East	Pilot West	Project / Development Area
Area (ha)	2946	86.3	52.9	2946
Original bitumen in place (MM m³)	68.8	6.7	3.7	17.7
Produced to date (MM m³)*	1.43	1.03	0.39	0
Recovery to Date (%)*	2.1	15.4	10.5	0
Producible Bitumen (MM m3)	32.8	3.5	1.4	7.5
Ultimate Recoverable (MM m³)	33.7	4.3	1.5	7.5
Ultimate Recoverable (%)	49	64	41	42
Net Pay (m)	15.3	26.0	26.7	12.7
Porosity (%)	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.33
Oil Saturation	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.77
Vertical Permeability (mD)	2600	2600	2600	TBD
Horizontal Permeability (mD)	4500	4500	4500	5000

<sup>\*</sup>Note: Recovered volumes as of Dec 31, 2021

## **Co-Injection**



- Co-injection is not currently used at the BlackGold Project
- Harvest is continuing to evaluate optimal timing to initiate Non-Condensable Gas coinjection

## **Directive 054 Section 4.3**

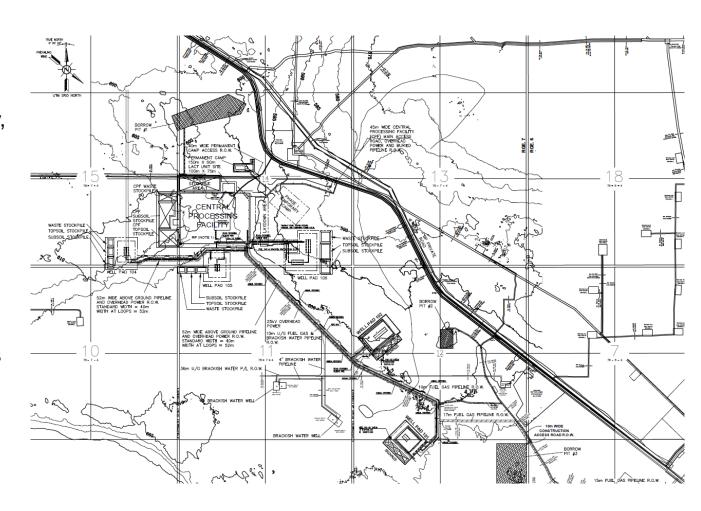




#### **Built and Planned Surface Infrastructure**



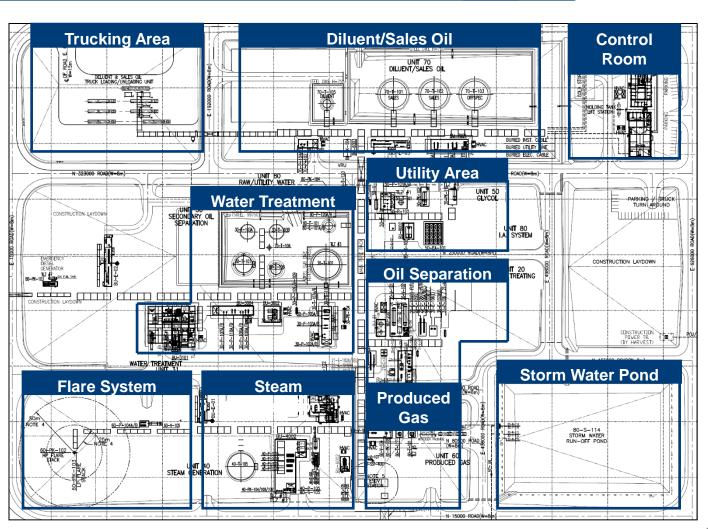
- As-built infrastructure includes a central processing facility, two SAGD well pads, source water pads, pipelines, roads and operations camp
- Location of planned Phase 2 well pad locations (Pad 104, 105, 106) subject to change



#### **Built and Planned Surface Infrastructure**



- Existing
   Phase 1
   infrastructure
   shown
- Phase 2
   infrastructure
   to be located
   within same
   plot space as
   Phase 1



## **Central Processing Facility Modifications**



- Harvest applied and received AER approval on August 16, 2021 (246984-00-05) to increase the Plant Sulphur Dioxide Limit to 2.0 tonnes per day.
- The following modifications, which did not require AER applications, were completed in 2021:
  - Due to ongoing issues with the Continuous Emissions Monitoring System (CEMS), Harvest initiated the procurement of a new CEMS unit in 2021. The new CEMS was commissioned and went online on May 6, 2022.
  - A second section of the make-up water pipeline's liner was replaced

## **Facility Bitumen and Steam Rates**



- September 2021 Maintenance Outage
- December 2021 Production curtailed as COVID-19 and weather-related issues led to a shortage of trucks available to transport sales oil







## **Suspension and Abandonment Activity**



- On October 27, 2019, 101-02 ESP failed due to high solids loading and the well was later diagnosed with a compromised sand control liner
  - In March 2021, the injector was returned to service to provide pressure support for the neighboring well pairs
  - The existing producer is currently suspended as per *Directive 013: Suspension Requirements* for Wells (2021)
- None of BlackGold's wells have reached the ramp-down or blow-down stage

## **Regulatory and Operational Changes**



#### Regulatory Changes

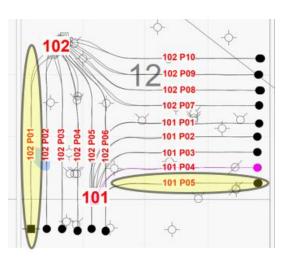
- May 4, 2021, Method 4 Variance Application Backfilling Continuous Emissions Monitoring System (CEMS) data due to ongoing issues with the CEMS unit. May 4, 2021, application replace by November 26, 2021, Method 4 Variance Application. Method 4 Variance Approval received from the AER on December 15, 2021.
- May 12, 2021, EPEA Amendment Application submission to increase the Plant Sulphur Dioxide Limit to 2.0 tonnes per day. AER authorized 246984-00-05 on August 16, 2021.
- July 26, 2021, EPEA Renewal Application submission. AER authorized 246984-01-00 on December 10, 2021.

#### **Operational Changes**

- 102-01 Well Pair Started
  - Circulation of well pair began in March 2021 and ended in June 2021
  - ESP Conversion completed in June 2021

#### 101-05 Well Pair Re-Started

- Initial circulation of well pair began in Jan 2020 and ended in April 2020 without ESP conversion due to oil price collapse
- Circulation resumed in June 2021 and ended in October 2021
- ESP Conversion completed in October 2021



#### **Technology Pilots**



- Completed 2 additional injector well recompletions with distributed passive flow control devices (FCDs) on 102-04 and 102-06
- 102-06 injector well also equipped with Vacuum Insulated Tubing (VIT)
- Shiftable FCDs allow further optimization post installation and remain part of Harvest's future completion design strategy

## **Operational Challenges and Lessons Learned**



- Production curtailed late Q4 2021 as COVID-19 and weather-related issues led to a shortage of trucks available to transport sales oil
- Improvements seen in ESP run-life

# **2021 Compliance History**



EDGE Reference	Date	Reportable Incident/ Voluntary Self-Disclosure/ Contravention	Remediation or Compliance Efforts
0377466	February 2021	Exceeded daily SO2 limit of 0.75 tonnes/day – 5 days	Obtained EPEA Amendment Approval on August 16, 2021. Daily SO2 limit increased to 2.0 tonnes/day (246984-00- 05)
0376715	March 6, 2021	2.00 m3 release of steam condensate at the Central Processing Facility	Spill cleaned up and remediated
0378455	March 2021	Exceeded daily SO2 limit of 0.75 tonnes/day – 13 days	Obtained EPEA Amendment Approval on August 16, 2021. Daily SO2 limit increased to 2.0 tonnes/day (246984-00- 05)
0378850	April 2021	Exceeded daily SO2 limit of 0.75 tonnes/day – 18 days Exceeded oxides of nitrogen limit of 22.8 kilograms/hour – two days	Obtained EPEA Amendment Approval on August 16, 2021. Daily SO2 limit increased to 2.0 tonnes/day (246984-00- 05)
0380079	May 2021	Exceeded daily SO2 limit of 0.75 tonnes/day – 27 days	Obtained EPEA Amendment Approval on August 16, 2021. Daily SO2 limit increased to 2.0 tonnes/day (246984-00- 05)

# **2021 Compliance History**



EDGE Reference	Date	Reportable Incident/ Voluntary Self-Disclosure/ Contravention	Remediation or Compliance Efforts
0379652	June 5, 2021	Off-lease trucking roll-over. 13.753 m3 of dilbit released.	Spill cleaned up and remediated
0380586	June 17, 2021	Steam generator flex joint leak. Contravention of EPEA Approval No. 246984-00-02, Schedule IV: Air Emissions, Condition 1 (not a approved location for the release of an air effluent stream).	Replaced the steam generator flex joint to the exhaust stack
0381095	June 2021	Exceeded daily SO2 limit of 0.75 tonnes/day – 9 days	Obtained EPEA Amendment Approval on August 16, 2021. Daily SO2 limit increased to 2.0 tonnes/day (246984-00- 05)
0381344	June 17, 2021	Failed relative accuracy test audit (RATA). Continuous Emissions Monitoring System (CEMS) in an out-of-control state and failure to meet 90% uptime.	Method 4 variance application; AER Method 4 approval on December 15, 2021
0381399	July 19, 2021	Off-lease trucking roll-over. 0.05 m3 of dilbit released.	Spill cleaned up and remediated
0382241	July 2021	Exceeded daily SO2 limit of 0.75 tonnes/day – 18 days	Obtained EPEA Amendment Approval on August 16, 2021. Daily SO2 limit increased to 2.0 tonnes/day (246984-00- 05)

# **2021 Compliance History**



EDGE Reference	Date	Reportable Incident/ Voluntary Self-Disclosure/ Contravention	Remediation or Compliance Efforts
0383611	August 2021	Exceeded daily SO2 limit of 0.75 tonnes/day – 4 days	Obtained EPEA Amendment Approval on August 16, 2021. Daily SO2 limit increased to 2.0 tonnes/day (246984-00- 05)
0383177	September 2, 2021	CEMS NOx analyzer O3 scrubber/catalytic converter completely plugged off. CEMS unit in an out-of-control state and failure to meet 90% uptime.	Replaced the NOx analyzer O3 scrubber/catalytic converter.
0384617	October 14, 2021	Failed RATA. CEMS in an out-of-control state and failure to meet 90% uptime.	Method 4 variance application; AER Method 4 approval on December 15, 2021
0386322	December 12, 2021	Continuous air ambient monitoring trailer recorded an hydrogen sulphide hourly exceedance of the Alberta Ambient Air Quality Objectives. The 1-hour average was recorded at 24 ppb.	No environmental impact.

#### **Future Plans**



#### Planned 2022 activities:

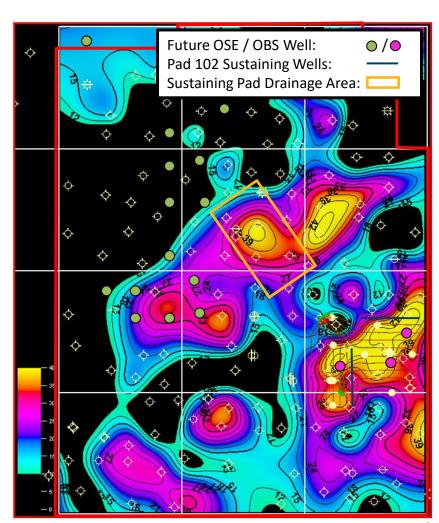
Execution of re-drills

#### Anticipated applications in 2022/2023:

- Re-drill 101-02 producer and injector
- Re-drill 102-10 producer
- Re-drill 101-03 producer
- Well Pad 102 expansion additional well pairs
- Well Pad 103 relocation
- Non-Condensable Gas co-injection

#### Anticipated five-year development plan:

- Drill additional wellpairs off Well Pad 102\*
- Drill sustaining pad\*
- Re-drills/In-fills as required
- Drill observation wells
- Additional 4D seismic over pilot area
- Additional OSE wells to de-risk development
- Investment decision on Phase 2
- Cogeneration



<sup>\*</sup>Note: Locations shown are approximate and subject to change