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# MEETING SUMMARY Technology Challenges of Conversion of CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR to CCS Task Force Meeting Rome, Italy 17 April 2013

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### 1. Chairman's Welcome

Task Force Chairman Stefan Bachu of Canada welcomed the meeting attendees and provided a short summary of the task force and its activities. The task force consists of eight members, four of whom were present. Dr. Bachu stated that the purpose of this meeting was not to discuss the task force's draft report, which is in good shape going forward and will be complete in time for the upcoming CSLF Ministerial Meeting in November. Instead, the time available would be used to consider proposed conclusions from the report.

# 2. Proposed Conclusions from Task Force Report

Dr. Bachu stated that the conclusions task force's report would highlight the commonalities and differences between CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR and CCS, and proposed the following listings:

**Commonalities** 

- a)  $CO_2$ -EOR and CCS technologies can all be considered mature.
- b) CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR and CCS projects both include CO<sub>2</sub> transportation and injection. Purity of the CO<sub>2</sub> is of importance.
- c) CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR and CCS projects both include wellhead monitoring of injected CO<sub>2</sub>.
- d) Geochemical and geomechanical effects on reservoirs will occur for both CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR and CCS projects.

Differences

- a) Assurance monitoring requirements are considerably different between CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR and CCS projects, with CCS projects having far more rigorous regulatory obligations.
- b) The area of review and the area of influence for CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR and CCS projects have considerably different reporting requirements, with CCS projects having far more rigorous regulatory obligations.
- c) The environmental monitoring requirements are considerably different between CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR and CCS projects, with CCS projects having far more rigorous monitoring obligations.
- d) End-of-operations monitoring requirements are considerably different between CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR and CCS projects, with CCS projects having far more lengthy and comprehensive monitoring obligations.
- e) Assurance of well integrity is somewhat different between CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR and CCS projects, where CCS projects need to have well integrities confirmed prior to any operations while CO2-EOR projects also have to have well integrities confirmed, but not necessarily prior to any operations.
- f) CO<sub>2</sub> storage considerations are considerably different between CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR and CCS projects, with CCS projects optimized for CO<sub>2</sub> storage while CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR projects are optimized to maximize the production of oil.

Dr. Bachu mentioned that the "assurance of well integrity" might in fact be more of a similarity than a difference. Mark Ackiewicz suggested that an additional commonality would be that both  $CO_2$ -EOR and CCS projects have mandate to protect potable water sources and other subsurface resources. Ahmed Aleidan proposed an additional difference: CCS projects lose money, while  $CO_2$ -EOR projects produce money. Dr. Bachu agreed, but said this would not be stated so directly.

# 3. Adjourn

In conclusion, Dr. Bachu stated that there are no technical challenges for any project to transition from  $CO_2$ -EOR to CCS, and that he would provide a timeline for the report's completion in the full Technical Group meeting. Dr. Bachu thanked the attendees for their participation and adjourned the meeting.