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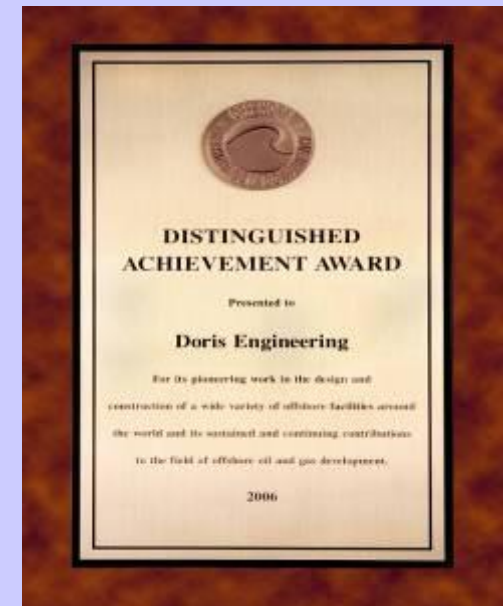
DORIS Engineering

Houston, October 4, 2011

Who Is DORIS?

An independent engineering company with:

- **More than 45 years of experience in the offshore industry:**
 - More than 200 major contracts since 1965,
 - Specialised in conceptual and FEED studies,
 - Significant effort in Research & Development,
 - Many world “firsts” since 1965,
 - 2006 OTC Distinguished Achievement Award.
- **Strong resources:**
 - Almost 1,000 people working worldwide,
 - Network of Partners all over the world,
 - Skills in every discipline used for offshore field development,
 - Ability to mobilize either reduced or large teams worldwide,
 - Many specific analysis and design tools developed.



Who Is DORIS?

- **Established track record of international development work:**
 - Large commitments in international markets,
 - Majority of revenue comes from outside of France.
- **A company culture valuing long-term business relationships:**
 - Orientation towards services to oil companies.



DORIS' Market

- **Offshore Industry**

Fixed and Floating facilities, Topsides, Subsea, Pipeline, Umbilicals, Flowlines, Risers, Mooring systems, Living Quarters in all kind of environment (swamp area, shallow water, deepwater, arctic area ...).

- **Onshore Industry**

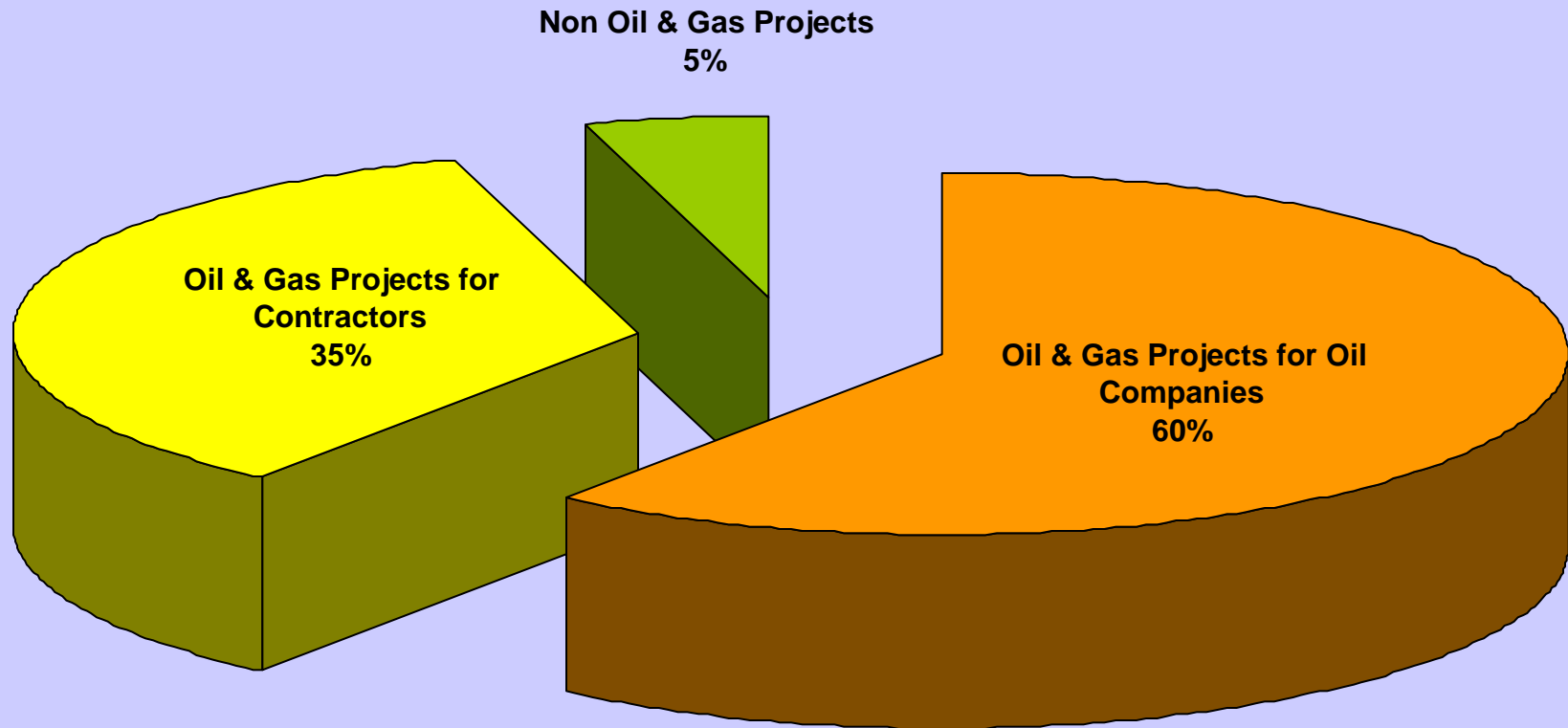
Onshore field development, onshore Pipelines, Terminals for offshore facilities, LNG Terminals.

- **Others**

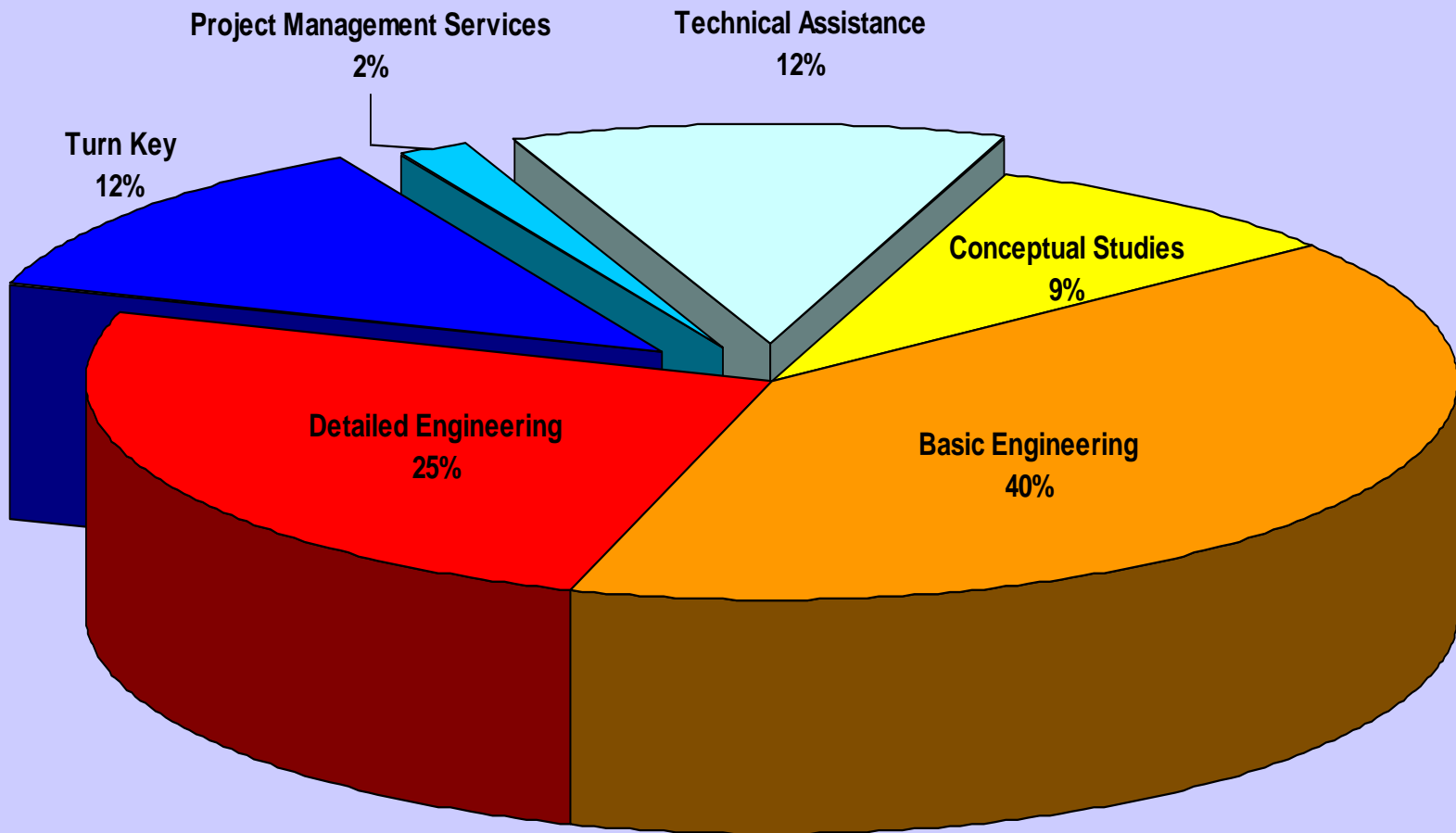
Coastal engineering, Defence, Space.



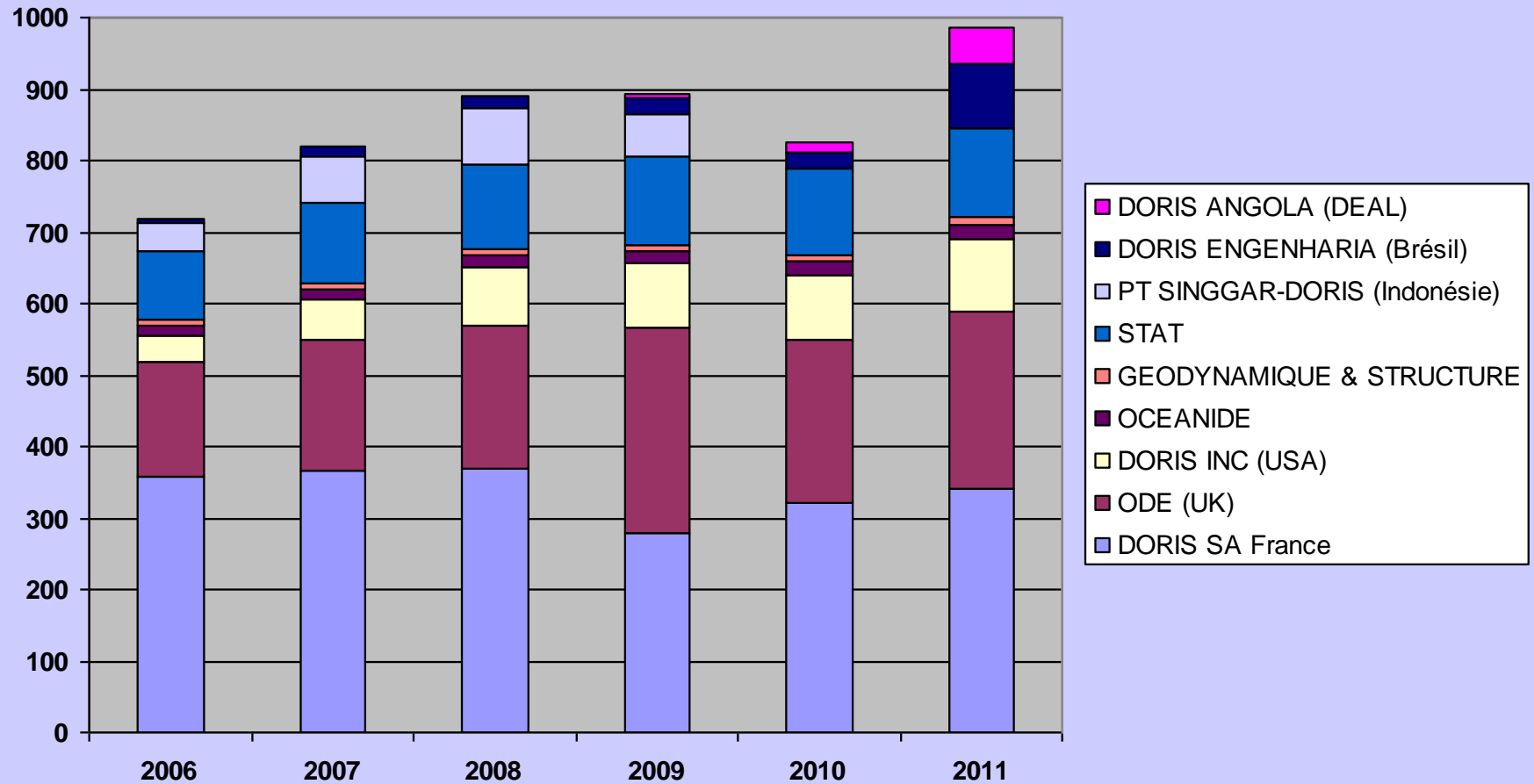
DORIS Revenues per Type of Clients (5 Years)



DORIS Revenues per Type of Activity (5 Years)



Resources in DORIS Group Worldwide



Main Projects



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Possible Strategy for an Engineering Company (1/2)

Permanently listen to the Clients to understand their needs & insure the quality of the services

- Maintain the independence of the Company,
- Look to the long term, not the short term:
 - ⇒ Accept lower profitability to maintain high capability profile,
 - ⇒ Easier to implement long term goals of privately owned engineering companies.
- Insure an effective worldwide development,
- Open new office locations according to clients needs and local constraints,
- Keep each autonomous entity to a reasonable size.



Possible Strategy for an Engineering Company (2/2)

- Develop innovative and economical solutions:
 - ⇒ R&D and associated innovations are the drivers of an engineering company.
- Deliver high quality services:
 - ⇒ Quality is paramount and a low level of quality is suicidal.
- Be open & reactive:
 - ⇒ Openness with clients is certainly the best asset in terms of development for an engineering company.
- Have the appropriate skills:
 - ⇒ By hiring additional personnel or through appropriate JV or partnership.
- Be physically close to clients and fulfill local content rules.



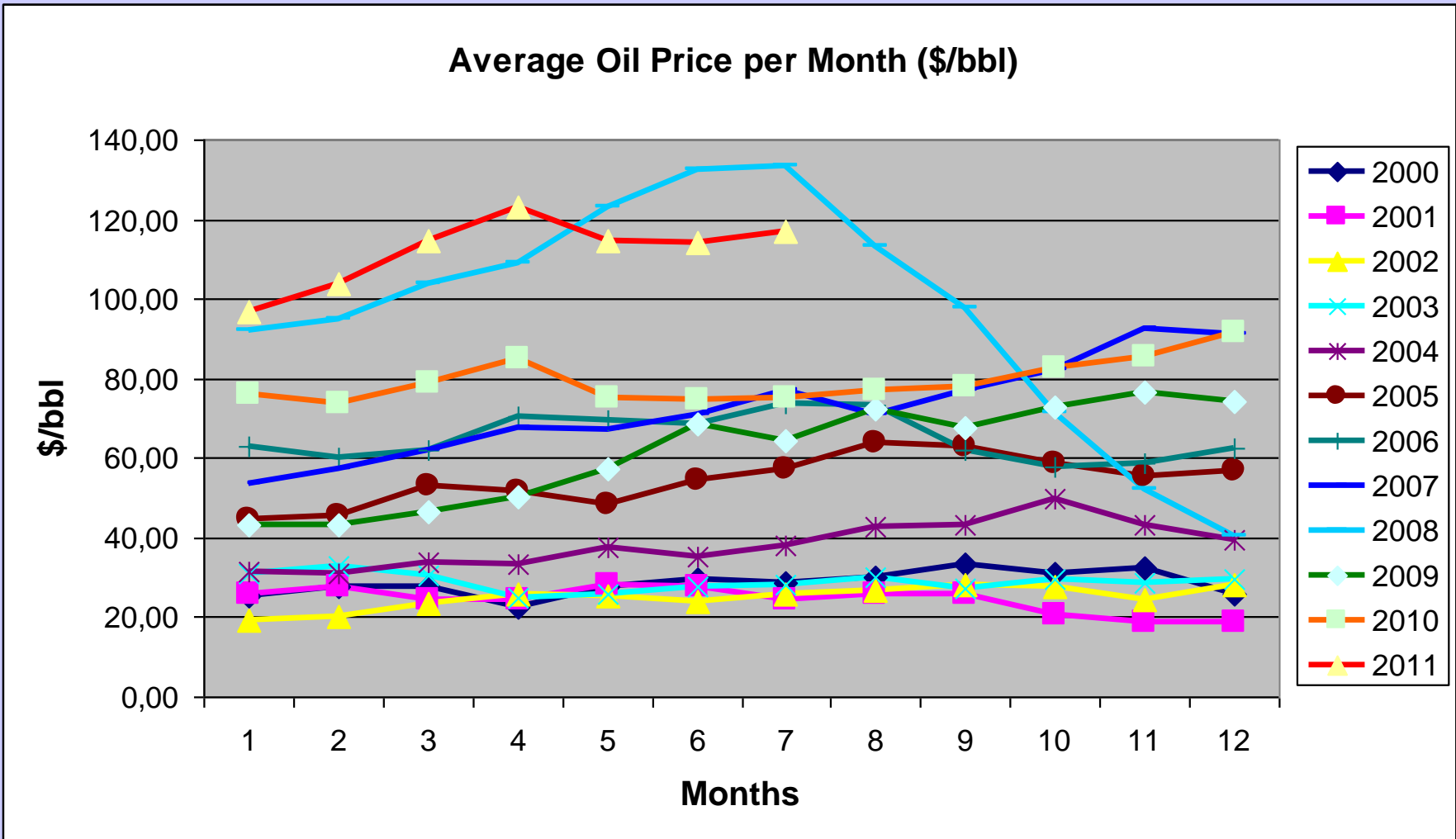
Current State of the Industry – Today

■ Permanent crisis status:

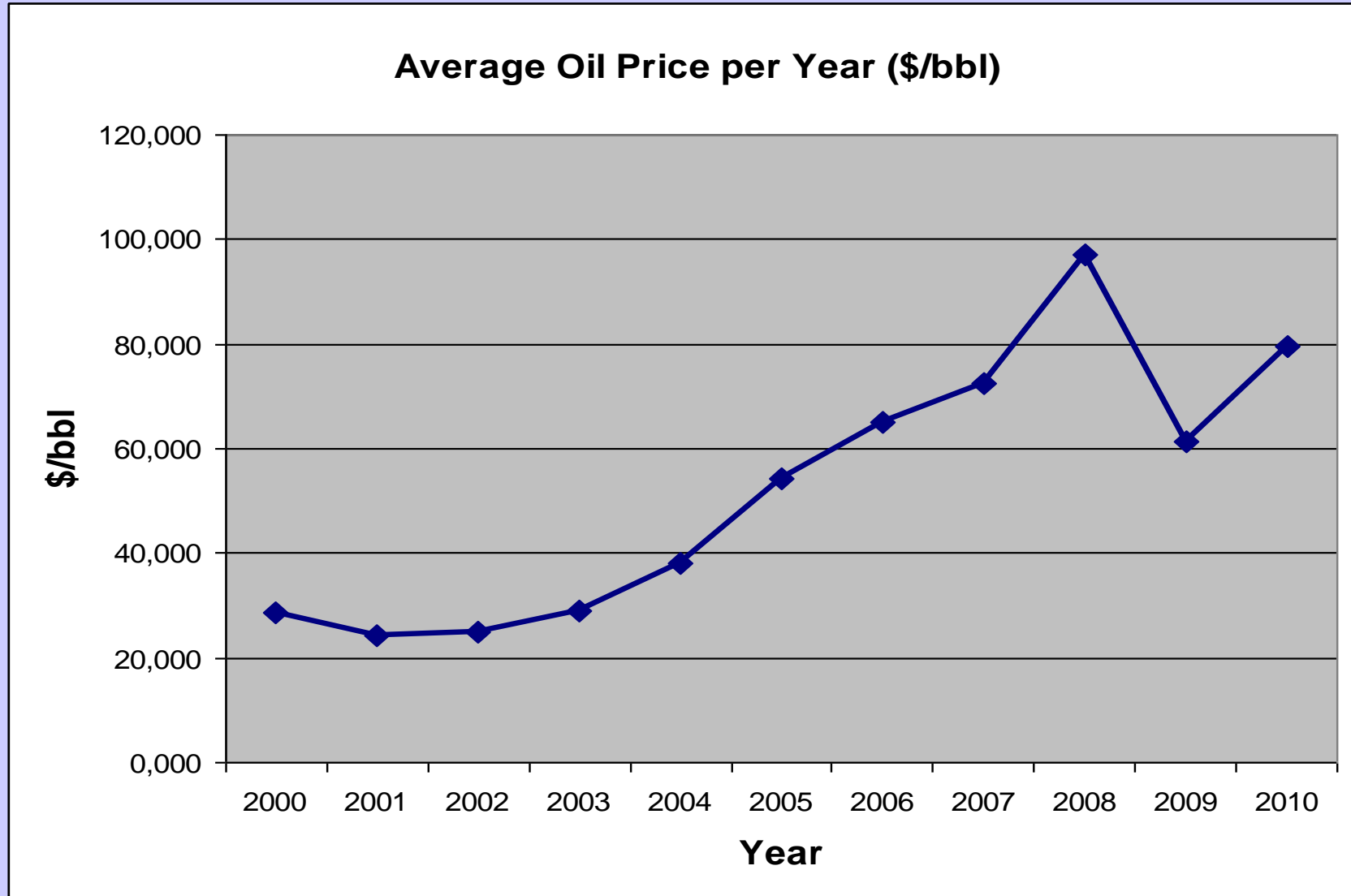
- ⇒ Macondo disaster has delayed a number of projects in the GOM,
- ⇒ The turmoil in the Middle East is modifying a large number of decision parameters,
- ⇒ Major stock exchanges are chaotic. Great uncertainty about valuations of engineering companies,
- ⇒ Price level of a barrel of oil is very volatile:
 - When low, it prevents the development of new projects. This has a negative impact on the overall level of worldwide production and may in turn increase the cost of oil. This will then create a more favorable situation to develop new projects.
 - When high, it creates the polar opposite situation. High crude prices promote energy project developments that create surplus production capacity and an unstable situation.
 - Associated to external elements (geopolitics, economic, financing, ...) the forecasting in oil price becomes an art more than a science.



Variation of Oil Price for the Last 10 Years



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Current State of the Industry – Today

- The decision power of the NOC's becomes larger and larger, delaying somewhat the decision process of the IOC's:
 - ⇒ The NOC's are much more dependant on political decisions than the IOC's.
- Operators are now forced to respect local content rules that are more and more demanding:
 - ⇒ As a consequence of that a lot of engineering activities, not all, are performed in the NOC home country
- The great recession caused oil priced to fall. The post recession will spur oil prices to rise again.
- The post recession period should have kicked off a number of many upstream projects. Unfortunately, the slow recovery along with many political socio-economic problems means that projects are still effectively frozen.



Current State of the Industry – Tomorrow

- As soon as the world economic crisis is completely over, oil demand will increase again.
- Oil price will then go up, and has already started to do so.
- Operators will then be desperate to start new projects in a hurry.
- If we are not careful in designing our policies, we will not be capable in the future of handling all the engineering demands that will arise.



Current State of the Industry – How to Cope with It

- Maintain engineering capabilities to the present level even if the workload is low,
- Limit expenditures to stay competitive and attractive to the operators,
- With these actions, remain ready when the activity will ramp up again,
- Be organized to cope with the increasing demand on local content,
- Establish good cooperation with NOC's and local engineering companies.



Thank you very much

Any questions?

