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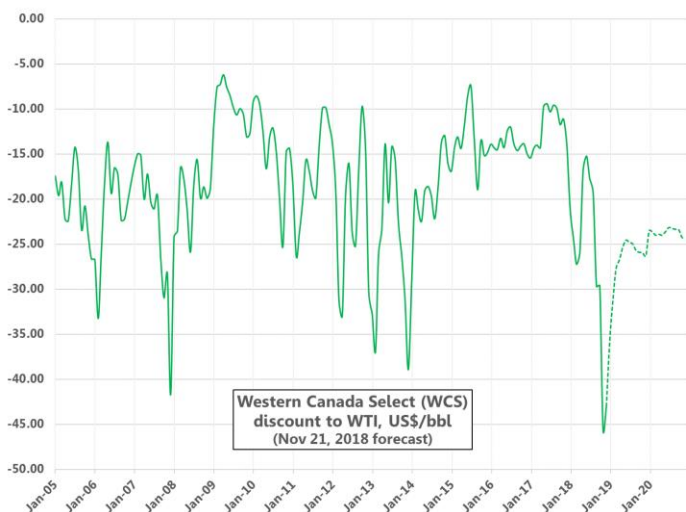
<b>Capital *</b> (\$k CAD)		2017	Q1 18	Q2 18	18-Aug	18-Sep	Q3 18	18-Oct	2018 YTD
Drill & Complete		33,766	3,624	3,451	6,141	4,978	14,936	3,546	25,557
Facilities		14,223	3,742	2,742	2,295	-337	3,490	2,467	12,441
Land & Seismic		2,280	2,766	282	13	19	39	10	3,097
A&D		1,710	390	10	-556	66,027	65,471	48	65,919
Other		-2,505	-889	-90	-14	300	285	-2	-696
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>49,474</b>	<b>9,633</b>	<b>6,395</b>	<b>7,879</b>	<b>70,987</b>	<b>84,220</b>	<b>6,069</b>	<b>106,317</b>

<b>Production (boe/d) *</b>		2017	Q1 18	Q2 18	18-Aug	18-Sep	Q3 18	18-Oct	2018 YTD
Sales		6,511	6,522	7,025	6,510	6,987	6,747	7,819	6,873
Field		6,648	6,810	6,532	6,526	7,082	6,729	7,536	6,776

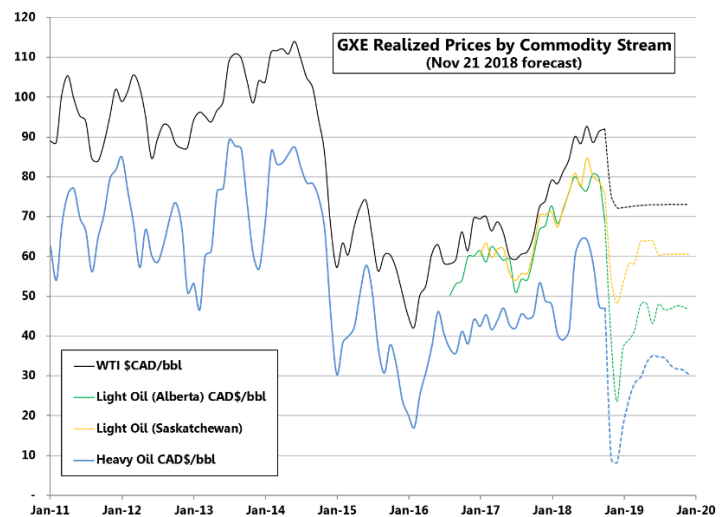
\* Estimates based on field data, actuals will vary from estimates due to accruals and adjustments. Such variances may be material.

The energy news lately is dominated by headlines trying to comprehend the causes and potential solutions to the record wide discounts being applied to Canadian heavy oil during the fourth quarter of 2018. WCS (Western Canada Select) heavy oil prices have settled trading at an approximate US\$40/bbl discount to WTI in the fourth quarter, compared to about half that amount in the third quarter. The reasons why this has occurred, and what might remedy the situation were the focal points of last month's update. For this update, the plan is to direct investors attention on a few reasons to remain optimistic despite the recent pessimistic headlines.

If one were to look at the five largest previous expansions of the discount, the data shows that on average the differential recovered by over 50% within three short months. That history compares to the current forward curve that predicts a recovery of only 32% from the November 2018 low. If history were to repeat itself, the WCS differential in February would be approximately US\$22/bbl, compared to the current forecast of approximately US\$31/bbl. Not particularly technical, but another example of the motto, "the best cure for low prices, is low prices".

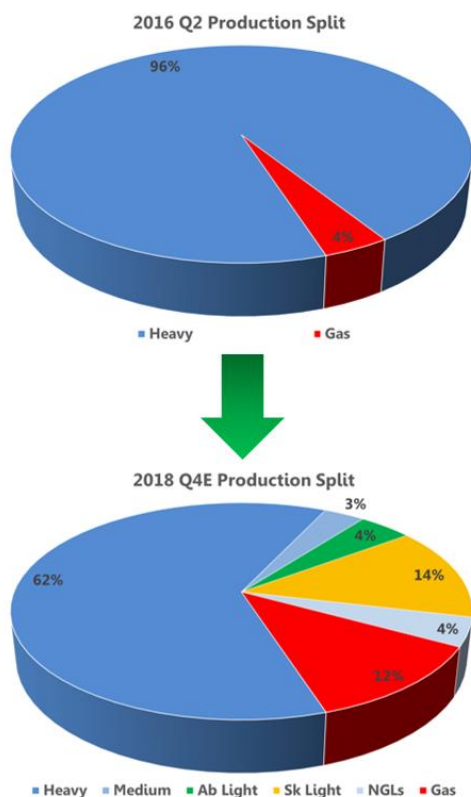


The first chart of note shows the WCS discount since the inception of the benchmark in 2005. The November 2018 discount of minus US\$45.66/bbl is unfortunately the largest ever seen. However, from a simple statistical perspective, past performance has repeatedly implied that previous blowouts in the WCS discount have been short-lived in nature.



The second chart shows the impacts of the oil differentials across Gear's three main commodity streams. While both heavy oil and Alberta light oil prices have been significantly impacted by the widened differentials, pricing for the recently acquired oil production from southeast Saskatchewan has remained relatively stronger. This provides Gear with some cash flow stability that was not available back in 2016 when production was 96% heavy oil and the realized prices for heavy oil hit company record lows.

As outlined in Gear’s third quarter guidance update, the company plans to maximize future revenue through a combination of capital deferral, heavy oil storage, and temporary light and heavy oil production slow-downs/shut-ins. As per the previous chart, the one area that will remain an exception from these actions is southeast Saskatchewan. Gear will continue to focus efforts to maintain and optimize this valuable revenue stream. In addition, this will be the area most likely to be the recipient of the first drilling capital of the yet to be finalized 2019 drilling program.



Commodity and geographic diversity are valuable tools that the Gear team will continue to engage to assist in overcoming current pricing challenges in Canada.

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