**Table 5 – UKOPA’s position and role in wider industry context**

**Initial discussion points:**

* UKOPA act as arbiter with HSE
* Status and role of good practice guides
* Provide technical advice and support to members
* Maintain reputation with HSE
* UKOPA position alongside UKPIA, ENA, etc
* Carry out peer independent investigation/audit service?
* UKOPA input to standards (IGEM/BSI)
* UKOPA role with governments, DECC, EA, Ofgem
* Manage research projects on behalf of members

**Issues**

Local Authority understanding of land use planning, how can UKOPA provide or influence

Role for UKOPA with LUP and Local Authority. PADHI results in HSE involvement sometimes but not always

Impact of further devolution

Embed good practice guides alongside other industry publications / standards (IGEM / BSI)

Good practice guides covering more areas, eg intelligent pigging

Good practice guides deemed compliant with PSR

Can good practice guides be used as formal Standards

Could UKOPA become a source of Standards

UKOPA facilitates input into pipeline standards, represents operator interests

UKOPA facilitates cross-company standards with policy makers in company

Feed into other recognised standards, ISO 55001

UKOPA generates national stats on pipelines so use this to ‘get what you want’

Sharing pipeline incidents internationally

Greater sharing of information from UKOPA

Are 2 meetings per year enough for the wider membership

UKOPA should have an ‘ask UKOPA’ facility to ask questions and share answers

UKOPA should offer audits to Members

Competency resource shortage / any opportunity for providing services

Investigate expertise on pipeline incidents

UKOPA support role for crisis management

Emergency support contact, offer of services

HSE ask UKOPA to do things for them ie become and influence the regulatory body UKOPA pipeline inspectors TUPE’d

Focus more with HSE, build relationship further

Greater transparency from HSE

HSE membership of UKOPA

HSE interface is essential with respect to ageing pipelines

What is the HSE role in pipelines, could it change

Influence regulators for future legislation

UKOPA is the ‘go to’ organisation for pipeline knowledge for all government departments

Legislation review – review changes and review new

UKOPA role with Gov/DECC/Police needs more visibility

Greater consultation with projects, input from wider members

Institute of Petroleum Liquids – support. Other – products / hazards

UKOPA leads the way as self-regulated industry (no need for HSE)

Development of new legislation

Greater input from UKOPA members integrated with HSE

UKOPA drive legislation or members of the legislative bodies

UKOPA influence extends beyond PSR pipelines

UKOPA facilitates pipeline research – created budget, executes and shares results

Work alongside HSL – same objective ‘to keep product in the pipe’ – improve HSE relationship

HSE / HSL interface

PMRI, EPRG, UKPIA, SEPA

Identify issues for collaborative projects – appropriate cost sharing

Role with international organisations – North America, Europe etc

Environmental change – effect on pipeline O&M

**What can UKOPA do to address issues?**

Capitalise on relationship with HSE to influence direction of future regulation of the industry

Need to focus on mutual benefit and structured progress for continued safety (1 vote)

Maintain existing links / annual meeting with HSE

Do we engage with contractors (not currently done)

Working with and influencing government for the resilience of UK energy infrastructure, future use of pipelines, European panel representatives (1 vote)

Maintain representation with relevant groups to influence outcomes (LA)

Direct relationship with CPNI involvement (LA)

Identify who is lobbying on specific issues

Focal point for pipeline industry R&D

Collate industry-wide ideas to assess shared benefit (P) (1 vote)

Report on key research to group meeting or produce an annual ‘research digest’ bringing together all sources (P)

UKOPA member of external pipeline research groups to disseminate info to members (N) (1 vote)

Engagement with environment agency especially with respect of liquid losses to ground. Dredging diversion, or rivers (standards for)

Develop a standard for ground remediation with EA (A, P)

Identify key EA / SEPA etc representatives and invite to UKOPA meetings (as per HSE involvement model) (1 vote)

Environmental best practice guides

Devolution of powers in UK, UKOPA is industry voice

Watching brief on devolution (N)

UKOPA is a focal point for sharing industry knowledge

UKOPA to act as moderator / single point of contact for technical questions from Members (C)

Links to other industry bodies eg PoF / PIG / EPRG, EU bodies etc CONCAWE / CEFIC (2 votes)

Review stakeholder map and devise engagement strategy (P)

Work with other bodies to avoid duplication of effort and provide clear UKOPA specific focus areas (N) (2 votes)

Links with other industry bodies – affiliation or sharing project work (P)

UKOPA is focal point for industry standards

Filling in the gaps with BSI / IGEM do not cover (C)

Maintain links to feed into standard committees for revision

Horizon scanning – what impact could new developments have and how can we mitigate

Gap in liquid standards for liquid maintenance and repair

UKOPA becoming a service provider for Members (1 Vote)

PSAT – UKOPA representative to collect data and do audit to ensure common interpretation

Keep a directory of retired but available competency persons who could be contacted for short term cover work

Drones – threat or useful tool?