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Repealing the export ban has resulted in exports to Europe and Asia growing faster than US tight oil supply growth from Jan 2016

Source: Wood Mackenzie
US Lower 48 crude outlook continues to surprise to the upside in the near term.....

US Lower 48 crude outlook

- Lower 48 onshore crude and condensate production has been revised up by approximately 80 kb/d in 2017, and 400 kb/d in 2018 (annual average basis). This revision has been driven by:
  - Greater baseline production in North Dakota and Texas. The EIA indicated a 220 kb/d increase in onshore crude and lease condensate, January – February 2017, a higher than expected jump. Baseline production was increased by about 80 kb/d.
  - Continued growth in rigs in tight oil plays
  - Increased type well assumptions in active sub-plays: assumptions increased by approximately 15% in the Eagle Ford and 10% in the Permian.

- If the rate of productivity improvement were to increase to roughly 8% per year vs our base case of 4%, we could see growth in 2018 of nearly one million b/d vs our current expectation of 840 kb/d.
Lower 48 onshore production surges to 12 million b/d by 2025

Wolfcamp drives short-term growth, climbing to 3 million b/d by 2024 (25% of onshore US). Eagle Ford ramps up to 2.5 million b/d by 2030, Bakken growth follows in the 2030s

As economic drilling inventory begins to run down, the pace of drilling is only expected to be great enough to largely offset declines instead of result in significant growth.

Source: Wood Mackenzie
Tight oil supply is highly sensitive to productivity assumptions

Small improvements in Permian well performance will have big implications for supply

Permian productivity supply scenarios

- Over the past couple of years, well productivity has increased between 10-20%. This improved productivity led to an increase in our short-term base case of 150,000 b/d.
- Productivity improvements were the result of operators performing larger completions, using up to twice as much sand and more pumping horsepower per well.
- In an unconstrained scenario, the Permian could produce an additional 1.5 – 3.75 million b/d should well productivity rise a further 5-10% from our base case.
- Operators have begun to indicate they are reaching a point of diminishing returns on completion intensity. As a result, we think further 5-10% sequential improvements each year are unlikely on a play-wide basis.
- While much of the risk is to the upside, there is downside potential to the productivity forecast as well. Operators have indicated that there are instances of degradation in productivity due infill or “child” wells and frac hits.

Source: Wood Mackenzie
Growth in heavy Canadian oil supply outpaces declines in heavy Mexican oil supply; but crude slate gets lighter

North American crude supply to get lighter due to US tight oil growth (excluding condensates)

North America crude oil supply outlook by quality (million bpd)

Heavy Mexican oil production has declined for a decade while the Canadian oil sands surges ahead. We have not included the potential impact of on-going Mexican energy reform.

Note 1. < 28 API Heavy crude
Note 2. 28 – 38 API Medium crude
Note 3. >38 – 51 API Light crude
There are limited crude capacity additions anticipated in the US, so the refining system has limited capability to process more tight oil.

**Source:** Wood Mackenzie
US tight oil exports could hence be the order of 2 – 3 million bpd, targeting European and Asian markets

Freight costs to North Asia is double that of Europe due to longer freight distances. Export logistics infrastructure is key to facilitate the growing trade

**US crude export freights 2016 - 2035, $/bbl**

- **Suezmax**
  - US to Caribbean/Gulf of Mexico: $1.1/1.3
  - From Houston to Suezmax: $2.0/2.4
  - Assume a transit toll of $2.2/Ton for Suez canal

- **VLCC**
  - From Suezmax to China/Korea: $2.4/3.0
  - From Suezmax to India: $2.8/3.5
  - From US tight oil exports could hence be the order of 2 – 3 million bpd, targeting European and Asian markets

Assuming a combination of Suezmax from Houston to Caribbean/Gulf of Mexico and then VLCC onwards after co-loading

**Source:** Wood Mackenzie
Light crudes are a larger portion of the European refinery crude mix than Asia, which is focused on medium/heavy grades.

US crude exports to Asia will compete with West African and Middle East grades.

Source: Wood Mackenzie
European and Asian crude runs have different seasonality, suggesting crude export destinations will show such patterns.

**European crude runs (million bpd)**
- Series 1
- 5 year range
- 2016
- 2017
- 2018
- 5-yr avg

**Asian crude runs (million bpd)**
- 2016
- 2017
- 2018
- 5-yr avg

*Source: History IEA MODS, APEC; Forecast Wood Mackenzie*
Export growth results in a wider Brent – WTI differential, which sustains an advantaged feedstock position for PADD III refiners.
Conclusions

Key takeaways

- US crude exports have grown strongly since the export ban was repealed and US tight oil supplies returned to growth
- Further export growth is projected as:
  - US tight oil supply volumes double
  - Limited further investment in US refining anticipated
- US crude exports will flow to both European and Asian refining centres, in significant volumes reflecting:
  - Refining value of the crude
  - Seasonality
  - Freight and logistics costs
- High quality export logistics are key to facilitate the future trade
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