



# **Study Group 1.3 Gas Rent and Mineral Property Rights**

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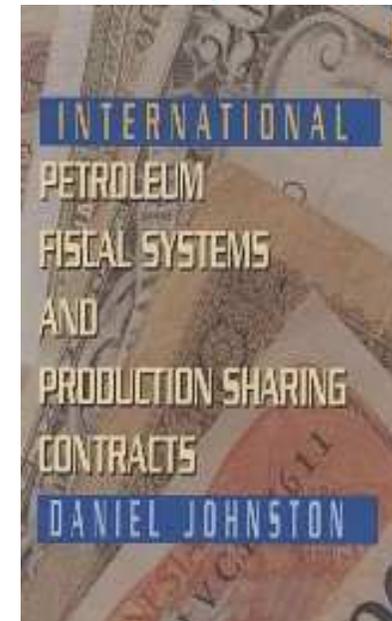


# Previously in Gas Rent and Mineral Property Rights...

# Contractual models

## Concession, production sharing and service contracts

- ❖ ***There are more petroleum fiscal systems than countries (Johnston, 2012)***
- ❖ ***Ownership is the most important element of distinction***
- ❖ ***Similar cash flow results can be obtained, but***
  - ***PSA (PSC) quickly growing in lieu of concession contracts - controversy***
  - ***Service contracts remain limited to a few countries***



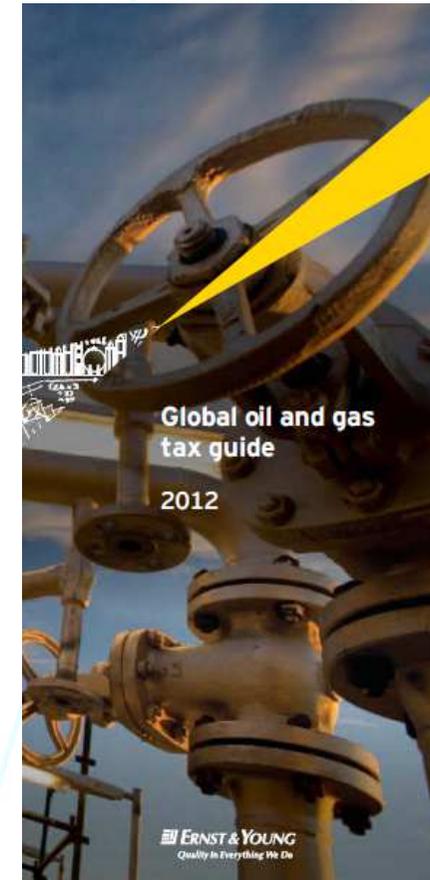
# Fiscal instruments

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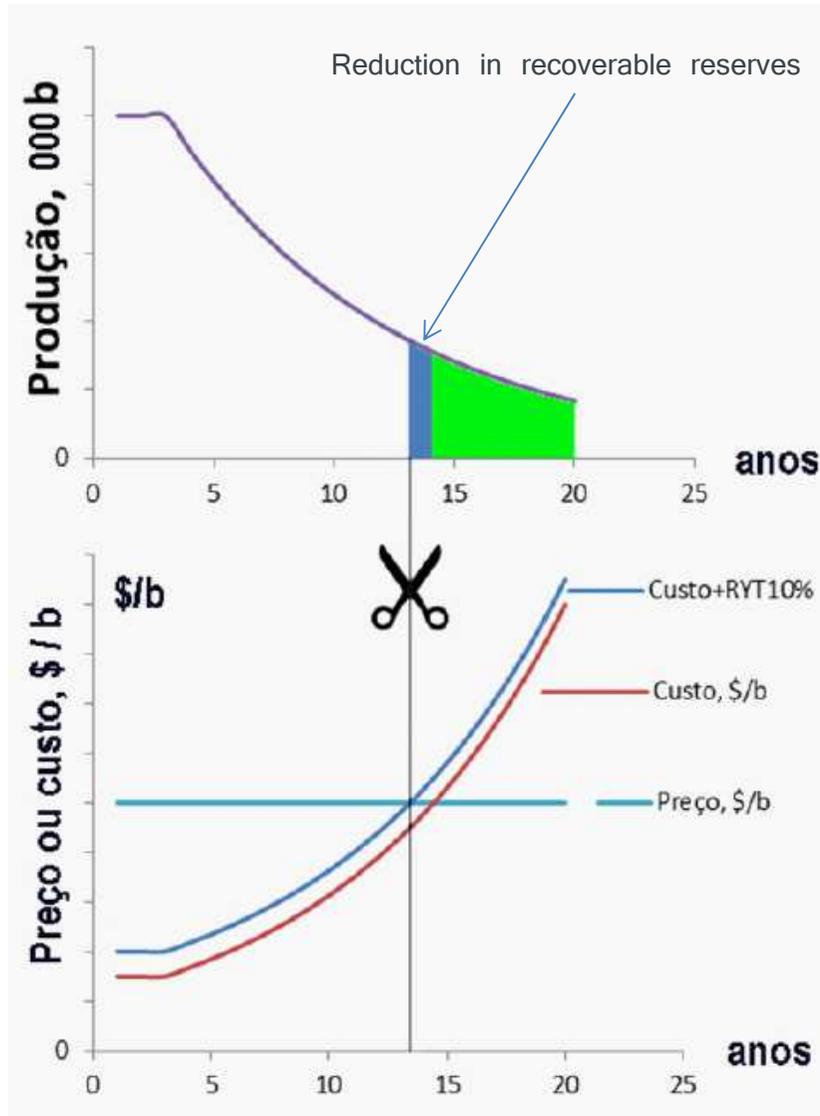
- *Royalties, bonuses*
- *Non-profit related; the lower the profitability the higher they become*

## ↳ *Progressive*

- *Income taxes, special petroleum (gas) taxes*



# A criticism to royalties

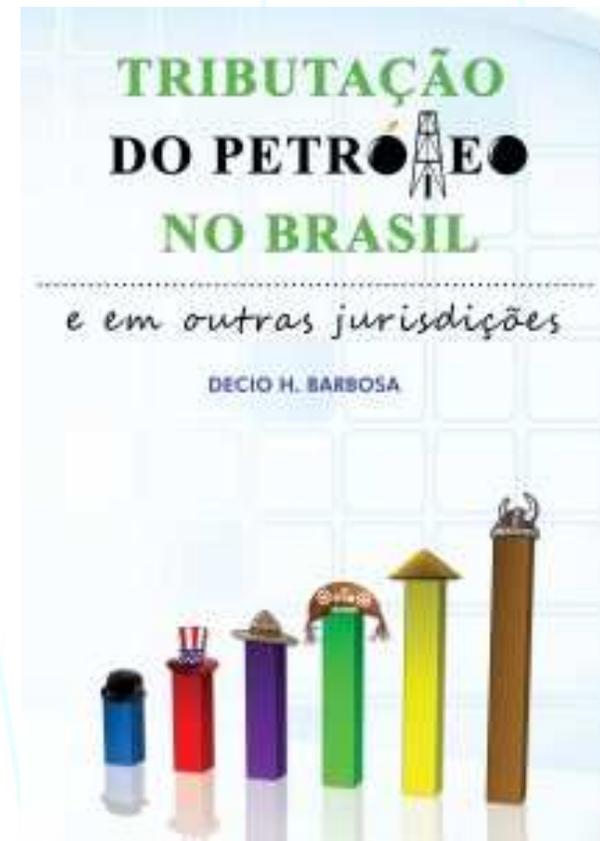


- Provide benefit to the government at the earliest stages of production, but
- Can cause premature abandonment (inefficiency), as production tends to halt when marginal costs reach market prices
- Royalties are being discarded in favour of higher taxes

Décio Barbosa, Royalties: Use com Moderação in Monitor IBP, January 2011, Year III, Number 1, pp. 2-3.

# Case study

- ❖ **Recoverable reserves of 850 million barrels**
- ❖ **Exploration in two years**
- ❖ **Exploitation in five years**
- ❖ **In production for 20 years**
- ❖ **20 production wells**
- ❖ **10 injection wells**
- ❖ **FPSO 200 kbpd**
- ❖ **Rig leasing at US\$ 500,000/day**
- ❖ **Decline rate of 10% p.a.**
- ❖ **Well cost US\$ 100 million**



# United Kingdom

- ✦ **Corporation tax 30% (ring fence rate for O&G E&P)**
- ✦ **Supplementary charge rate now at 32%**
- ✦ **Petroleum revenue tax discontinued in new areas**
- ✦ **Capital allowances**
  - **Accelerated depreciation**
  - **Immediate write-off for exploration costs**
- ✦ **Investment incentives**
  - **Losses can be carried forward indefinitely**
  - **R&D incentive**

# Norway

- ❖ **No royalties, bonuses or production sharing**
- ❖ **Income tax of 28%**
- ❖ **Additional special O&G upstream tax of 50%**
  - **Applies to the Norwegian Continental Shelf and onshore areas**
  - **Cannot be deducted for purposes of income tax**
- ❖ **Capital allowances**
  - **Offshore investments depreciated linearly over six years**
  - **Uplift of 30% applies to the special O&G tax**
    - **7,5% per year in four years**
- ❖ **Investment incentives**
  - **Losses can be carried forward indefinitely with interest rates nominated by the Ministry of Finances (1.9% in 2011)**
- ❖ **No ring fencing**

# Production sharing

- ❖ **Mineral rights granted exclusively to the winner of a bidding process to explore, develop and sell part of the production**
- ❖ **Investor receives part of the oil produced as a compensation for its risks, after cost compensation**
- ❖ **National oil company may have an administrative role**
- ❖ **Winner must execute working programme (seismic work, production pilots, drilling activity, etc)**

PROFIT SHARING	
"R" Factor	Contractor's Profit Share (%)
$R \leq 1.0$	50
$1.0 < R \leq 1.5$	45
$1.5 < R \leq 2.0$	40
$2.0 < R < 2.25$	30
$2.25 < R < 2.5$	20
$R > 2.5$	15

R is the ratio of cumulative revenue to cumulative expenditures.

# Angolan regime for ultra deep waters

- ❖ Signature bonus
  - US\$ 10 million non-recoverable, unshared)
- ❖ Training fee
  - US\$ 200 thousand during exploration and development
  - US\$ 0.15/bbl during production period
- ❖ Social contribution
  - US\$ 4 million at start-up, non-recoverable
- ❖ State share (Sonangol)
  - 20% carried through to commercial discovery, with repayment of past exploratory costs by Sonangol
- ❖ Cost recovery 50%, 4 years (20% uplift development)
- ❖ Income tax 50%
- ❖ Profit sharing
  - Calculated quarterly →

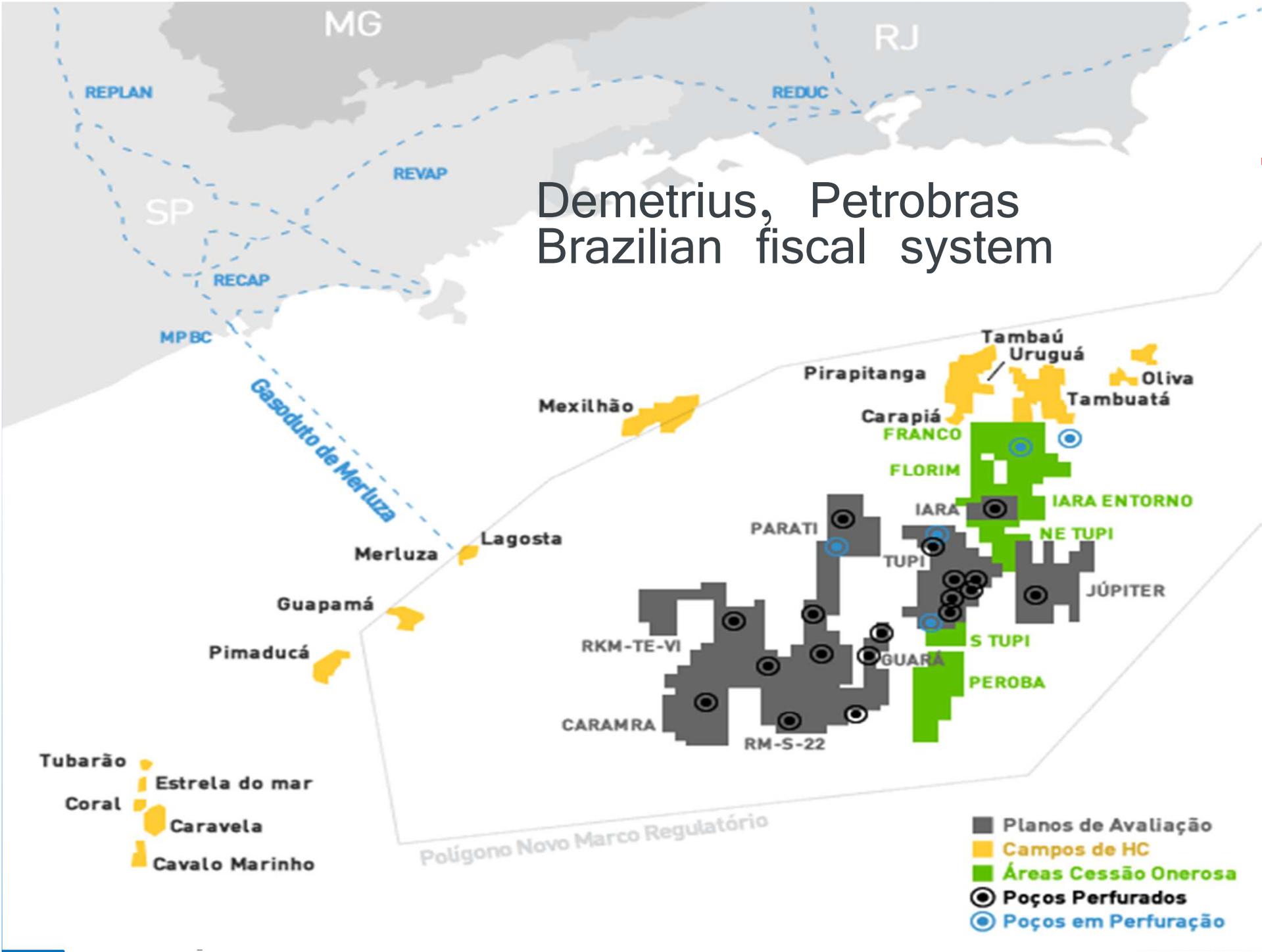
IRR (%)	Profit share
< 10.0	70
10.0-12.5	55
12.5-17.5	45
17.5-20.0	30
> 20%	20

# Granting Documents

Upstream Contract Models with Governments

For IGU  
Rio de Janeiro  
2013

# Demetrius, Petrobras Brazilian fiscal system



- Tubarão
- Estrela do mar
- Coral
- Caravela
- Cavalo Marinho

- Planos de Avaliação
- Campos de HC
- Áreas Cessão Onerosa
- Poços Perfurados
- Poços em Perfuração

# Questionnaire

	Question	Totally disagree	Partially disagree	Neutra / Non-appl.	Partially agree	Totally agree
1	In my country the fiscal system for the production of oil and gas is modern and effective					
2	A different fiscal system should be developed specifically for gas					
3	Associated and non associated gas should have a different set of fiscal instruments					
4	Foreign investment is important for the production of gas in my country					
5	The current fiscal system that we have is efficient to attract investments to the upstream segment of the gas industry					
6	Production sharing contracts tend to replace concession and service contracts in the future					
7	Royalties constitute an old fashioned fiscal instrument, whose use tend to disappear in the long term					
8	In my country bidding processes take place regularly					
9	In my country direct negotiations with government authorities are possible					

# Thank you!