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OUR ENERGY FUTURE IS NOT SET IN STONE: HOW CAN
THE DEMAND FOR OIL AND GAS IN 2035 BE MET?

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All the indicators point to a world mix in which the fossil energy share will still top 75% by 2035. Driven by growth in emerging countries, the demand for oil and gas will continue to grow steadily. Even if there are enough oil and gas reserves to see us through the next three decades, will the industry be able to exploit and produce new resources that are increasingly complex to develop while addressing the industrial safety, environment and societal issues? In particular, will non-conventional resources be able to withstand political and environmental lobbies? The evolution of the oil and gas landscape over the past few years reveals an increase in the time required to develop large new fields and an accelerated decline of the production base due to the aging of mature-field facilities. This book aims to analyze all the critical factors (technical, political, economic, social and human) that could potentially accelerate or delay the maintenance and redevelopment of mature producing fields as well as the discovery and development of new conventional and unconventional resources.

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