



# The Benefits of U.S. Crude Exports

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## **Benefits of U.S. Crude Oil Production and Exports**

- U.S. exports would lower consumer fuel costs at the pump by \$18 billion annually
- U.S. economy could gain \$135 billion and about one million jobs at its peak
- Reduce nation's oil import bill by \$67 billion annually
- Increase government revenues by \$1.3 trillion between 2016-2030
- Strengthen U.S. geopolitical position



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More jobs & economic development would result from continued growth in U.S. oil production

Source: IHS Global Inc., "U.S. Crude Oil Export Decision: Assessing the Impact of the Export Ban and Free Trade on the U.S. Economy," May 29, 2014

## **Global Economic Growth**

- Economic recoveries remain in 3speed mode
  - $\odot$  U.S. increasingly solid
  - Europe and Japan stagnation is new normal
  - China and other EM expanding albeit some at slower rates
- Downside risks outnumber upside, but more cyclical than structural
- International policy coordination will significantly impact outcomes

Economic growth: moving to sustainable trajectories (% growth, real GDP, PPP)



#### The Oil & Gas Industry Has Spurred Broader U.S. Economy



*Energy production prevented U.S. downturn from being worse, and spurred recovery* 

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (Total Private Sector Jobs, NAICS 211000 and 213112).

#### The State of North Dakota Has Seen Substantial Economic Growth



State employment and income growth correlate to oil production

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

## U.S. Tight Oil: The Biggest Driver Behind the Oil Renaissance



#### U.S. tight oil production alone is larger than production in most OPEC nations

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OPEC Production ranked from highest (Saudi Arabia) to lowest per 2013 IEA reported production volumes. OPEC Neutral Zone production split between Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. Sources: IEA for OPEC production; EIA Annual Energy Outlook and Rystad Energy for U.S. Tight Oil. NOTE: Tight oil production includes liquids from tight natural gas plays.

## Global Crude Supply Disruptions vs. U.S. Tight Oil Growth



U.S. tight oil production growth has offset most of the global supply disruptions

#### **U.S. Production Prevented Higher Prices in Recent Years**

#### Brent Crude Oil Prices Would Have Been \$12 to \$40 per Barrel Higher in 2013

#### Real 2014\$/barrel Real 2014\$/gallon \$5.0 \$170 \$160 \$4.5 \$150 **Gasoline Prices** Without U.S. **Brent Prices** \$140 Shale Without U.S. **Revolution** \$4.0 Shale \$130 **Revolution** \$120 \$3.5 **Actual U.S. Consumer** \$110 **Actual Brent Prices Gasoline Prices** \$100 \$3.0 \$90 \$80 \$2.5 2010 2011 2012 2013 2010 2011 2012 2013

U.S. Consumer Gasoline Prices Would Have Been \$0.30 to \$0.94 per Gallon Higher in 2013

## U.S. Oil Production is Set to Expand



U.S. Crude, Condensate, Natural Gas Liquids Forecast Light Tight Oil Output could double by 2020

Liquids production has returned to levels not seen since 1972

Source: EIA Annual Energy Outlook 2014, Various forecasts

Source: Rystad Energy Upstream Database ConocoPhillips

Permian

Bakken

Eagle

Ford

Niobrara

Other

2018

Utica

2020

## **U.S. Light Crude Oil Production vs. Light Refinery Runs**



Light crude production will eventually exceed refiner ability to process it without substantial refining investments or crude exports

Source: Turner, Mason and Co., November, 2013, higher production case



## Tight Oil Quality vs U.S. Refining Configuration: the "Mis-Match"



# Blending U.S. tight oil into larger world pool is a more efficient allocation



Source: Bloomberg

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Exporting U.S. LTO enables a more optimal global allocation of crude oils among refiners

Source: Haverly Systems

#### U.S. Light Crude Oil Imports Have Dwindled



- Declining light, sweet crude imports, with year round exports needed by 2017
  - Condensates and super light crudes are already in surplus
  - Seasonal exports needed before then during U.S. refinery turnarounds / outages
- Eventual reductions in light, sour and medium crude imports
- U.S. likely to maintain heavy crude imports that better matches domestic refinery configuration

Light, sweet crudes are already in surplus seasonally



## Gasoline Prices Are Set Globally by International Crude Prices



U.S. crude exports should lower U.S. gasoline prices

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Source: Bloomberg



### Inability to Export Crude Will Lower U.S. Oil Production

- Domestic crude price discounts would reduce investment in new production
  - Some wells and plays become uneconomic
  - Reduced cash flow to invest
- Without crude exports, U.S. crude production would be ~1.5-3.0 MMBD lower in 2020\*

#### U.S. Tight Oil Production\*\* (Million Barrels per Day)



#### Substantial investment needed to grow tight oil production

Source: ConocoPhillips, for decline rates, Rystad for forecast and cumulative CapEx (October 2014)

\*Brookings Institution, "Changing Markets: Economic Opportunities from Lifting the U.S. Ban on Crude Oil Exports," September, 2014

### Ability to Export Crude Would Increase U.S. Oil Production

- Lifting the ban on crude exports would increase U.S. production by 1.5 to 3.0 MMBD by 2020
  - 10-20% increase
- Removing domestic crude price discounts caused by the ban would increase investment in new production
  - More wells and plays would become economic
  - Increased cash flow to invest

#### Incremental U.S. Crude Production from Lifting Export Ban in 2015



Increased production would have significant economic benefits to the U.S.

Source: NERA prepared for Brookings Institution, "Economic Benefits of Lifting the Crude Oil Export Ban," Sept. 9, 2014.

#### Summary

- New abundance of light, low sulfur tight oil production in the U.S.
- Offers tremendous economic and security benefits to the country
- Mismatch with U.S. refinery configuration presents a challenge
- Threatens to stunt tight oil development and its benefits to the U.S.
- U.S. crude exports provides a solution

