Trade associations review – initial findings

Introduction

At the 2019 AGM, Helge Lund said BP would review our trade association relationships as they related to the energy transition and report back in 2020.

The month before the AGM, we published *BP's participation in trade associations*. This document set out our principles for participation and policy positions on climate change and the energy transition. These principles were in line with the expectations set out by the Institutional Investor Group on Climate Change (IIGCC).

As this is the first time BP has conducted a group-wide review of trade associations, we have tried to develop a process that is rigorous, consistent and fair. We have reviewed alignment of our climate policy positions with 34 key associations – those identified as the most material. They were selected as:

- Associations actively involved in the climate debate and salient to stakeholders.
- Those associations in regions where the debate is mainly focused, including North America, Europe and Australia.

Background

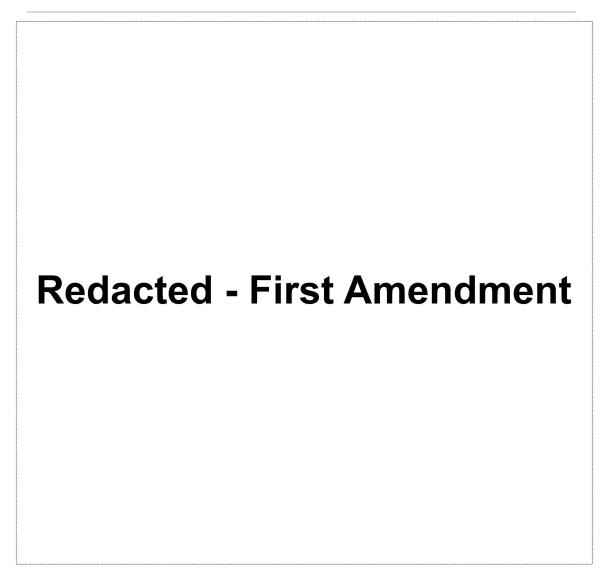
Several of our peer companies are active in this area. BHP, Shell and Total have already produced reports, and we are aware of activity in the pipeline from Equinor and Eni.

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This paper reports on our preliminary findings – together with an explanation of the methodology used for this review.

We plan to provide to the Board in late January. The current working proposal is to publish our findings as a separate report externally alongside our sustainability report in late March 2020. The precise format and content of this publication is still to be worked and agreed.

Methodology



Principles for review

The following principles were used for the review of policy positions:

- Review should be rigorous, consistent and fair/objective.
- Although assessment has been undertaken with current association and BP positions, we tried to recognize the pace of change in the area.
- Assessment used current and recent (two-years maximum) association positions, statements and information around policy input available in the public domain.
- All sources had to be referenced (using footnotes to enable checking and further investigation).
- Silence on an issue has been recorded as 'no position'.
- Initial desk research was undertaken by an independent third party BSR.
- Judgements on alignment or otherwise were then made by a crossfunctional BP team.
- To date, relationship holders have been involved in the data gathering and assessment part of the process.
- Consideration of implications and any remedial actions would also consider alignment and value to BP of the association, which is likely to be in areas other than solely climate (such as safety or product stewardship).

Preliminary findings

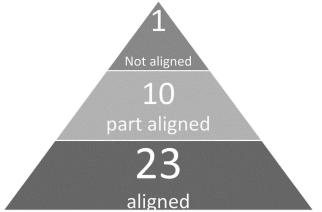
Overall assessment of alignment

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Preliminary distribution of results

Based upon this assessment process the preliminary overall distribution is as follows.



Preliminary analysis of results

To better understand the implications and possible actions arising we conducted a further assessment with regional representatives to gauge value of the membership to the local or regional BP business and level of influence BP has a part of that association (measured by size of membership and our status within the association).

These have been plotted on the following page as a 2x3 matrix using a series of action-orientated categories.

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Insights and recommended actions

- There are clear regional differences particularly with respect to US associations.
- With respect to differences, our overall approach should be to engage proactively with associations to explain our position, collaborate and encourage alignment

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- For associations deemed to be part aligned with BP positions and of higher value to us we should consider a programme of active engagement to positively influence future climate policy positions.
- For those associations deemed to be part aligned but of lower value to BP we should monitor and assess for our future level of support and involvement.
- And for those associations deemed to be aligned we should continue to engage with and monitor progress.

Appendix 1: Detailed findings

The following table provides an overall status and jurisdiction for each association.

Association	Jurisdiction	Initial assessment/ issues found
Australian Industry Greenhouse Network (AIGN)	Australia	Aligned
Australian Institute of Petroleum (AIP)	Australia	Partially aligned No position on Paris or climate science; has taken a different position to BP on biofuels.
Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association (APPEA)	Australia	Aligned
Business Council of Australia (BCA)	Australia	Aligned
Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP)	Canada	TBC – aligned or partially aligned; counted as aligned in numbers.
Business-Europe	Europe	Aligned
European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC)	Europe	Aligned
European Round Table for Industry (ERT)	Europe	Aligned
Fuels Europe	Europe	Aligned
Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrie (BDI)	Germany	TBC – aligned or partially aligned; counted as aligned in numbers.
Mineralölwirtschaftsverband (MWV)	Germany	Aligned
Verband Der Chemischen Industrie (VCI)	Germany	Aligned
International Air Transport Association (IATA)	Global	Aligned
International Association of Oil and Gas Producers (IOGP)	Global	Aligned
International Emissions Trading Association (IETA)	Global	Aligned
International Gas Union (IGU)	Global	Aligned
IPIECA	Global	Aligned
Oil and Gas Climate Initiative (OGCI)	Global	Aligned
World Business Council on Sustainable Development (WBCSD)	Global	Aligned
Vereniging Nederlandse Petroleum Industrie (VNPI)	Netherlands	Aligned
VNO-NCV	Netherlands	Aligned
Club Espanol de la Energia (Spanish Energy Club)	Spain	Partially aligned No position on Paris.
Spanish Association of Petroleum Products Operators (AOP)	Spain	Aligned
Confederation of British Industry (CBI)	UK	Aligned
Oil & Gas UK (OGUK)	UK	Aligned

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