



Shaping the future.

The E&P Archive of Wintershall

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Historical Background



- ➡ 1894 – Founded as Drilling Company producing potassium salt
- ➡ 1920 – General Administration centralised in Kassel
- ➡ 1930 – First (accidentally) oil production in a potash mine
- ➡ 1951 – First natural gas production
- ➡ 1957 – Head quarters in Kassel finished
- ➡ 1969 – Wintershall becomes part of BASF; focus on Oil and Gas (1971)
- ➡ 1999 – Archive Reorganisation Project

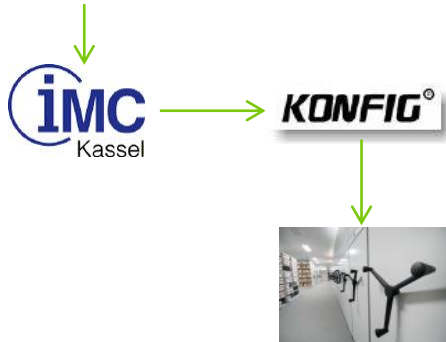
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Building a Central Archive



- Numerous Archives in the different departments and Opcos, cellar rooms ...
- Archive Reorganisation Project: Archives related to E&P business centralised
- Information Management Center established for central data administration

E&P Data *



* Seismic data, Well data, Maps, Studies etc.

Contract Archive
As-Built Archive (technical drawings)
Drilling Core Archive
Opco Archives
Company Archive
Private Collections

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Current Situation



- Detailed registration of E&P data (Cataloguing)
- Many data movements for new data; less for old data
- Provision of other services through IMC – Scanning, Digitising, Vectorising, ...
- Sometimes attempts to incorporate other archives
 - Strong internal resistance: little resources; limited projects; people scared of changes and centralisation; general awareness low
- Additionally we are struggling with the challenges of more and more digitalisation in all areas

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Outlook & Challenges



- System change incl. data migration (400,000 records)
- Improve user acceptance
- Archive digitalisation
- Fulfil the requirements of long time storage (of digital data)
- Push forward the development to a central archive



Thank You

