Oil and gas reserves: communication with the financial sector

Abstract:	The debate surrounding oil and gas reserves estimates has been addressed by two
new briefing pa	pers jointly issued by the Oxford Institute for Energy Studies and the Sustainable
Development P	rogramme at Chatham House. The papers, Petroleum Reserves in Question by John Mitchell
and Oil and Gas	Reserves: Communication with the Financial Sector by Rob Arnott, argue that a consistent
framework for g	generating oil and gas oil reserves should be implemented to allow for better estimation,
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