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## Presentation of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2007 Results

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A large, stylized graphic in the background showing a globe with a grid of latitude and longitude lines. A 3D seismic data cube is superimposed on the globe, showing a cross-section of geological layers. The globe is rendered in shades of blue and white.

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# Operational Performance Q1-07 vs Q1-06

- A new interpretation of IFRS standards for 2005 caused recognition of some Late Sales closed in Q4 2005 to be deferred from Q4 2005 to Q1 2006
- Reported figures for Q1 2006 included Late Sales closed in Q4 2005 of MUSD 14.0 with a 98% gross margin (amortization only MUSD 0.2)
- We will present two comparisons:
  - Q1-07 vs reported Q1-06
  - Q1-07 vs Q1-06 operational (without deferred revenues & costs)
- Key: Level of Late Sales closed within Q1-07 vs within Q1-06

# Q1 2007 Financial Highlights (YoY Reported)

- **Net Revenues 95.4 MUSD, up 6% from Q1 2006**
  - Net Late Sales 72.9 MUSD, down 4% from Q1 2006
  - Net Prefunding 18.1 MUSD, funding 55% of operational investments
  - Growth in EP, LP and contract revenues slowed by delayed vessel deliveries
- **Operational Investments up 31% from 25.3 MUSD to 33.1 MUSD**
- **Multi-Client Amortization rate 28%**
  - Same as reported for Q1 2006
- **EBIT 51.1 MUSD, up 4% from 49.1 MUSD in Q1 2006**
  - 54% of Net Revenues vs 55% reported in Q1-06
- **Net Income 34.0 MUSD up 4% from reported in Q1 2006**
- **EPS (fully diluted) \$0.31 versus \$0.30 reported in Q1 2006**

# Q1 2007 Operational Financial Highlights

(comparison with "operational" Q1-06 results)

- **Net Revenues up 26% from operational Q1 2006**
  - Net Late Sales up 18% from Q1 2006
  - Net Prefunding covering 55% of operational investments vs 39% prefunding in Q1 2006
- **Operational Investments up 31%**
- **Multi-Client Amortization rate 28%**
  - 33% in operational Q1 2006
- **EBIT up 39% from operational Q1 2006**
  - 54% of Net Revenues vs 48%
- **EPS (fully diluted) up 39% from operational Q1 2006**

# Q1 2007 Profit & Loss (MUSD)

		Q1 2007	Q1 2006	Change	%
<b>Gross Sales</b>		<b>99.9</b>	93.0	6.9	7%
Income Sharing & Royalties		<b>(4.5)</b>	(3.3)	(1.2)	36%
<b>Net Operating Revenues</b>		<b>95.4</b>	89.7	5.7	6%
Materials		<b>0.7</b>	1.6	(0.9)	-56%
MC Amortization	28%	<b>25.4</b>	23.8	1.6	7%
<b>Gross Margin</b>		<b>69.3</b>	64.3	5.0	8%
Other Operating Expenses		<b>15.8</b>	13.6	2.2	16%
Cost of Stock Options		<b>1.1</b>	0.7	0.4	57%
Depreciation		<b>1.3</b>	0.9	0.4	45%
<b>Operating Profit</b>	54%	<b>51.1</b>	49.1	2.0	4%
Net Financial Items		<b>0.2</b>	(0.1)	0.3	-534%
<b>Pre-tax Profit</b>	54%	<b>51.3</b>	49.0	2.3	5%
Taxes		<b>17.3</b>	16.4	0.9	5%
<b>Net Income</b>	36%	<b>34.0</b>	32.6	1.4	4%
EPS, undiluted		<b>0.32</b>	0.31	0.0	3%
<b>EPS, fully diluted</b>		<b>0.31</b>	0.30	0.0	4%

# Q1 2007 Cash Flow

	Q1 2007	Q1 2006
Payments from Sales Received	123.1	144.2
Operational Costs Paid	(12.5)	(13.9)
Gain/(Loss) from Currency Exchange	(2.0)	(1.0)
Taxes Paid	(10.4)	(14.5)
<b>Operational Cash Flow</b>	<b>98.2</b>	<b>114.8</b>
Investments in Fixed Assets	(7.7)	(0.4)
Payments for Acquired Multi-Client Products	(36.8)	(29.0)
Investments through Mergers and Acquisition	-	(7.2)
Interest Income	4.0	1.7
Net Change in Long-term Receivables	(0.1)	(3.6)
Net Change in Long-term loans	0.1	3.7
Interest Expense	(0.5)	(0.7)
Purchase of own Shares	-	-
Paid in Equity	2.3	3.2
<b>Change in Cash Balance</b>	<b>59.5</b>	<b>82.4</b>

Accounts Receivable per end Q1-07 total 105.1 MUSD vs 73.4 MUSD per end Q1-06.

# Balance Sheet – Key Figures

	3/31/2007	%	12/31/2006	%
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash	<b>330.1</b>	47%	<b>270.6</b>	40%
Other Current Assets	<b>109.7</b>	15%	<b>152.9</b>	23%
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>439.8</b>	62%	<b>423.4</b>	63%
Intangible Assets & LT Receivables	<b>44.6</b>	6%	<b>42.8</b>	6%
MC Library	<b>205.0</b>	29%	<b>195.6</b>	29%
Fixed Assets	<b>20.3</b>	3%	<b>14.4</b>	2%
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>709.7</b>	100%	<b>676.2</b>	100%
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Short-term debt	-	0%	<b>0.0</b>	0%
Current Liabilities	<b>106.8</b>	15%	<b>114.0</b>	17%
Long-term loans	<b>49.4</b>	7%	<b>48.3</b>	7%
Deferred Tax Liability	<b>39.1</b>	6%	<b>37.0</b>	5%
<b>Equity</b>	<b>514.4</b>	72%	<b>477.0</b>	71%

Cash in excess of interest-bearing debt

**280.8** MUSD,

**222.3** MUSD

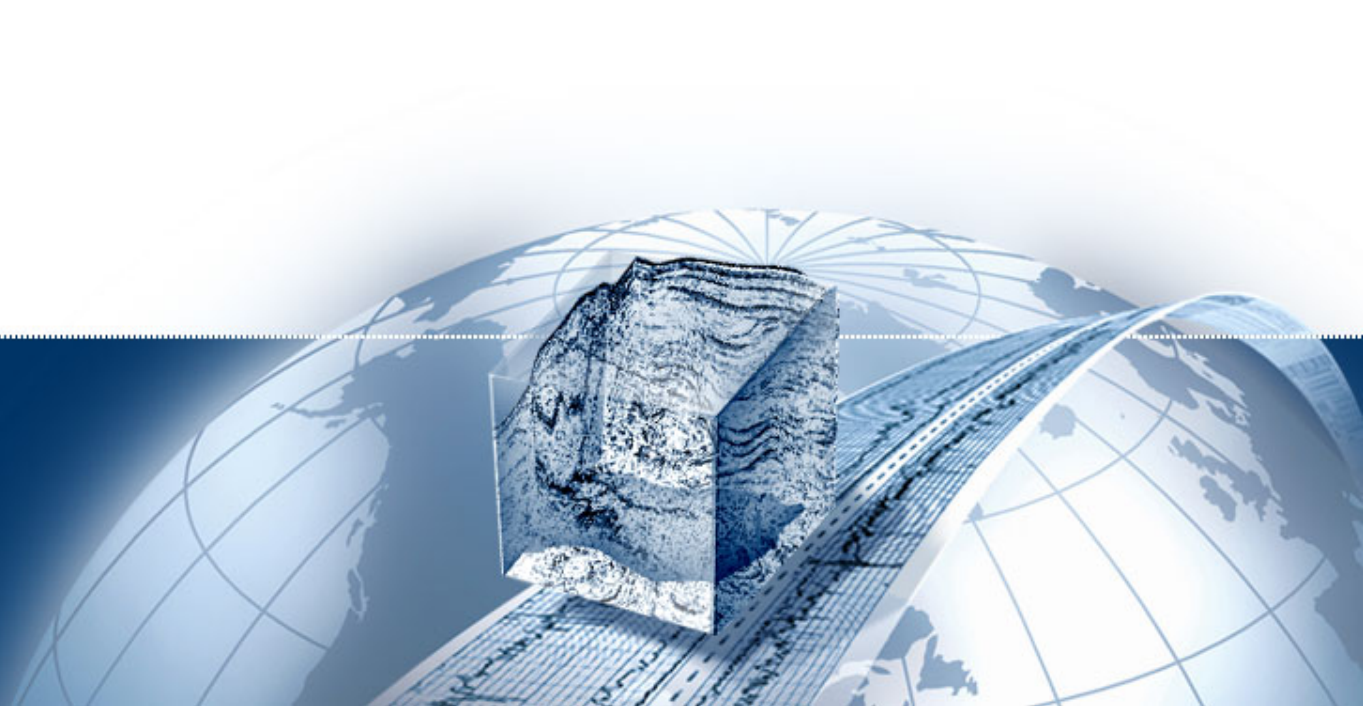


# Multi-Client Library

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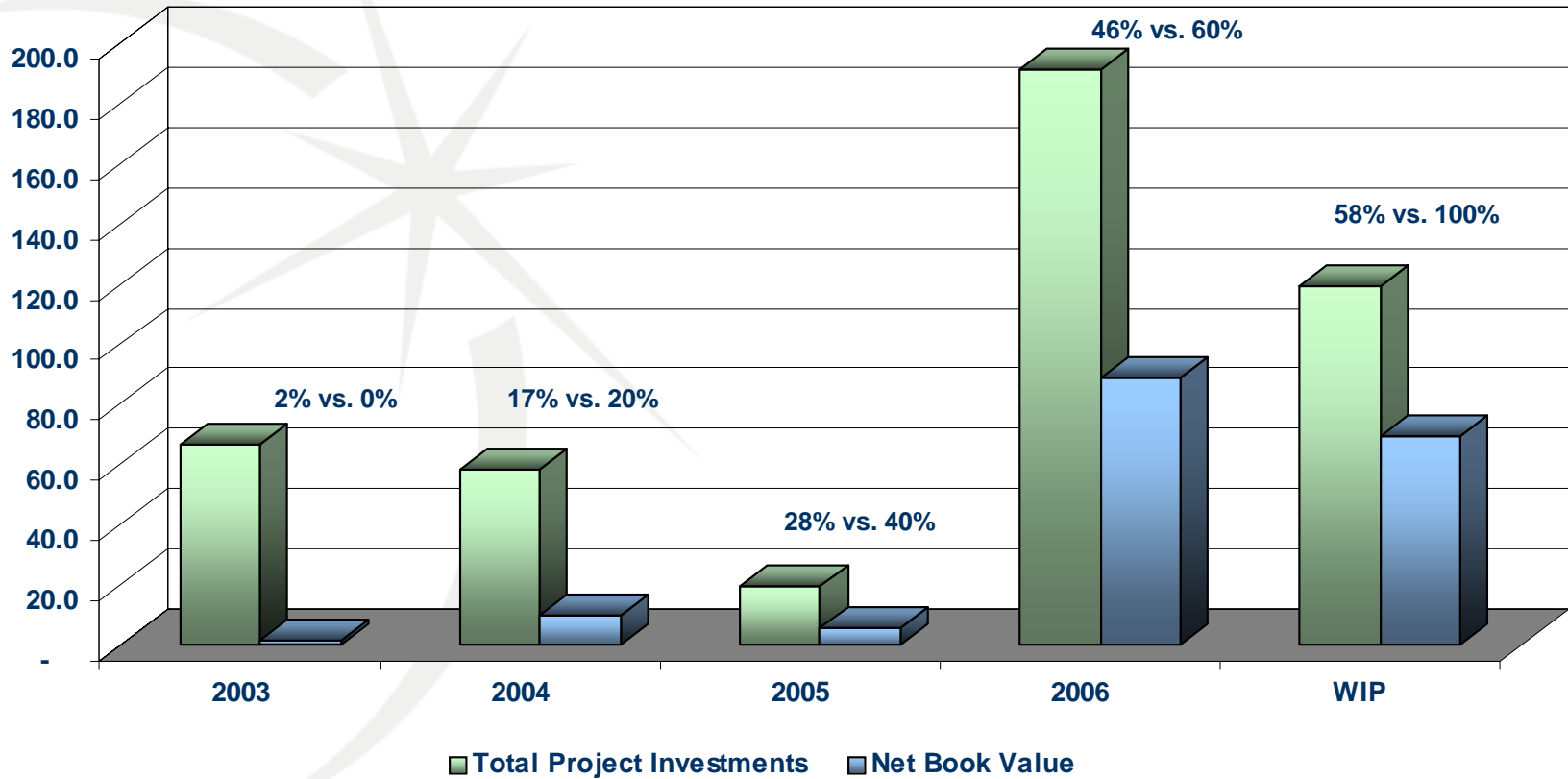
# MCS Accounting – Matching Principle

- **Accounting Standards recommend to match Revenues and Costs in time**
- **TGS capitalizes the direct costs of surveys as investments in the Balance Sheet and amortizes them over 5 years (including the first year – WIP) as a function of expected ratio Sales/Investment**
- **If sales are lower than expectations, a minimum amortization kicks in:**
  - Maximum NBV one year after completion is 60%, then 40%, then 20%, then zero
  - At the end of the fourth year after survey completion, each survey is fully amortized

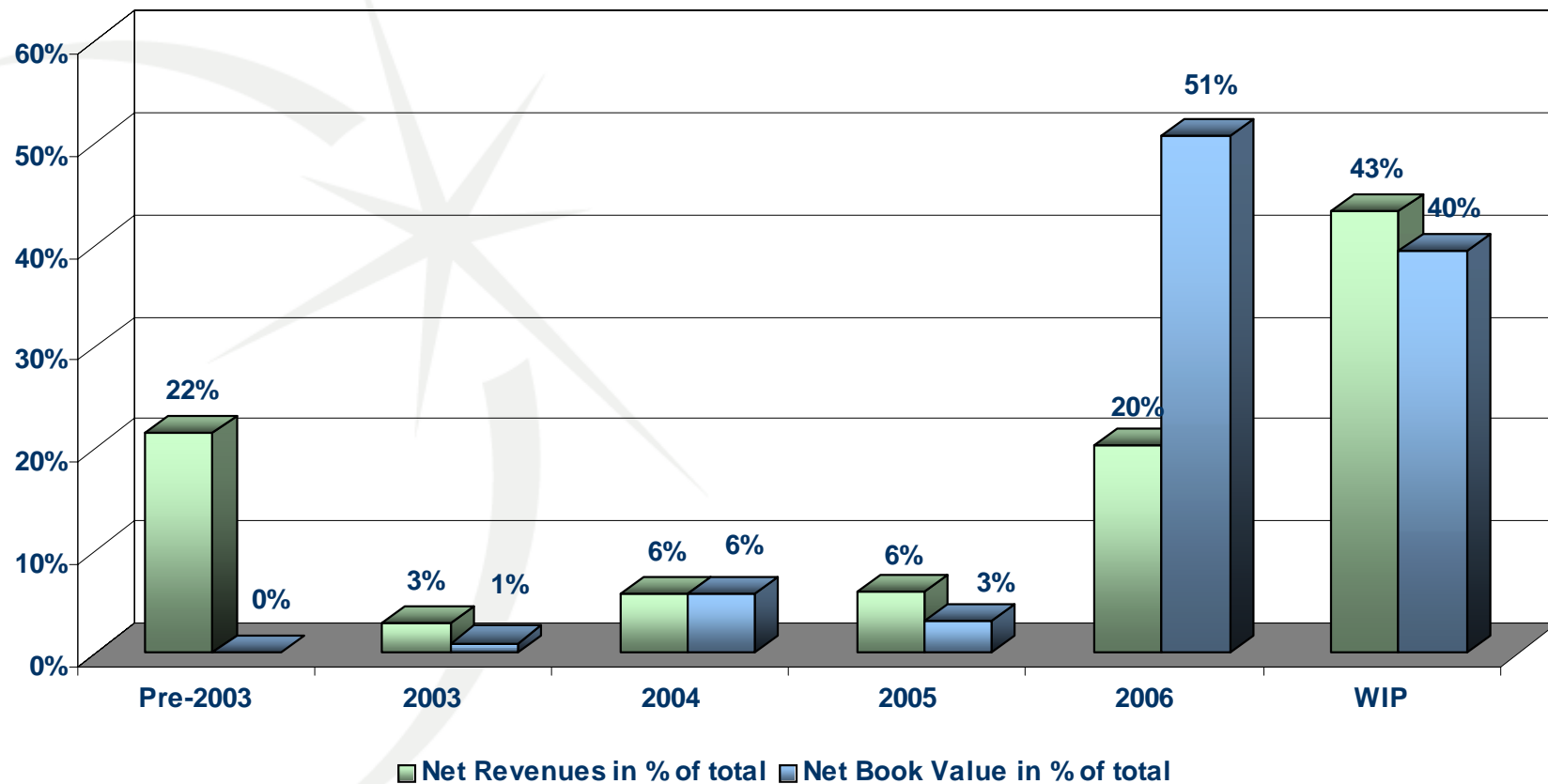
# Multi-Client Library NBV in % of Investment

Seismic Segment as of March 31st 2007

Net Book Values below the max. NBV  
criteria for year end 2007



# Q1 2007 Multi-Client Net Revenues & Ending NBV - Seismic Segment



# Operations & Outlook

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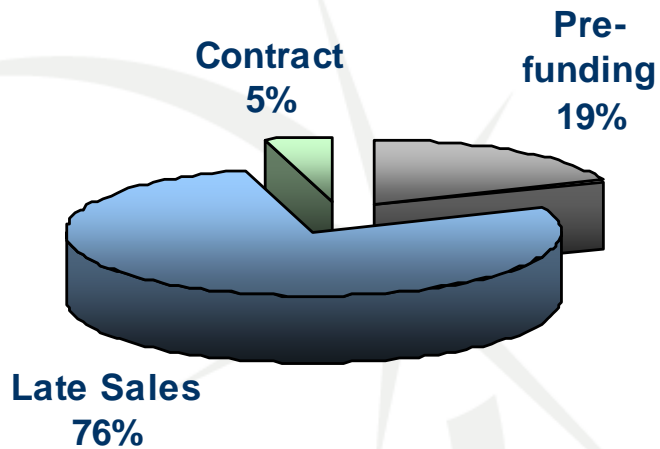


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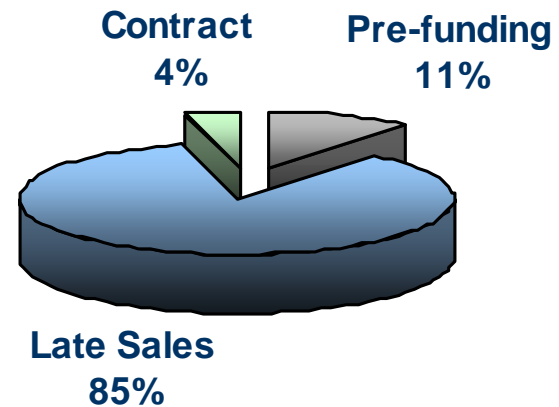


# Net Revenue Breakdown

## Q1 2007

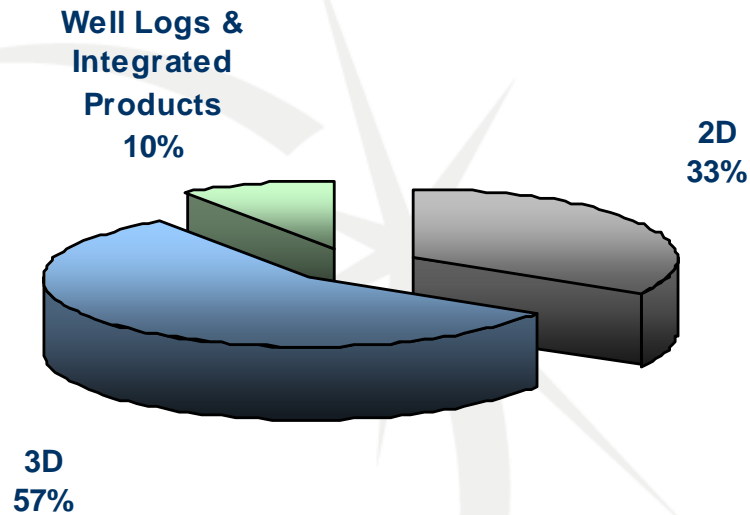


## Q1 2006

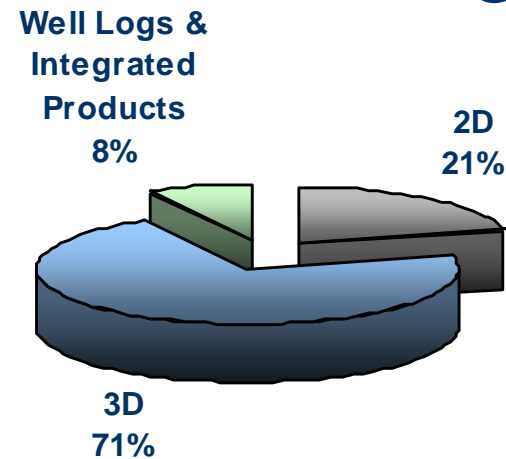


# Net Revenues by Product Type

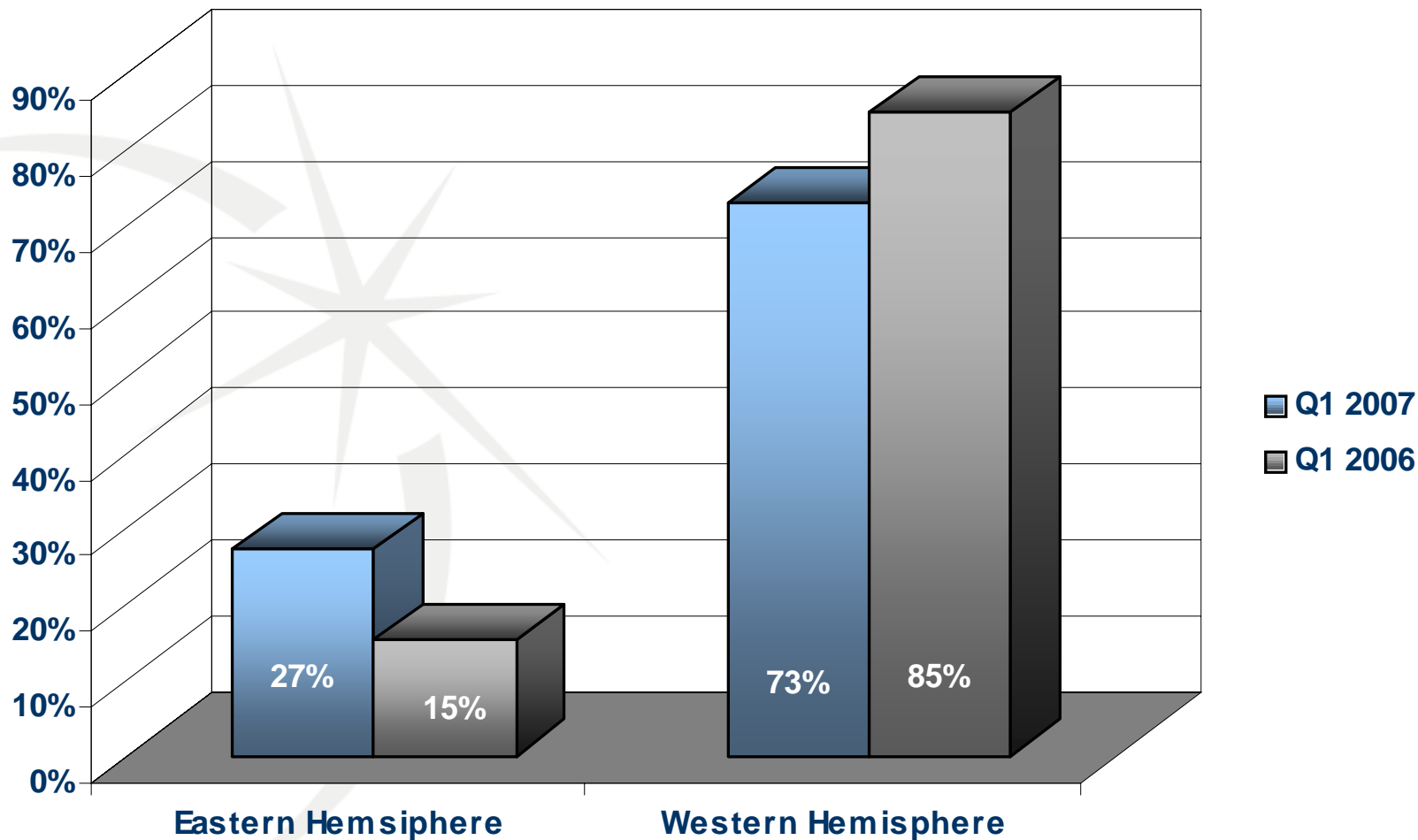
## Q1 2007



## Q1 2006



# Q1 Geographical Net Revenue Breakdown





# Operational Highlights

## Delayed Delivery of Newly Rigged 3D Vessels

- Geo Barents (GoM): Dec '06 to June '07
- BGP Pioneer (Africa & Europe): Jan to May '07

## Western Hemisphere

- Continued acquisition of East Delta 3D
- Delivered Phase 1 of Stanley 3D (PSTM & PSDM)
- Started 44,000-kilometer 2D PSDM reprocessing in Brazil

## Eastern Hemisphere

- Initiated Indonesia Frontier Basins “Mega-Project”
- Acquired two multi-client 2D projects in AME

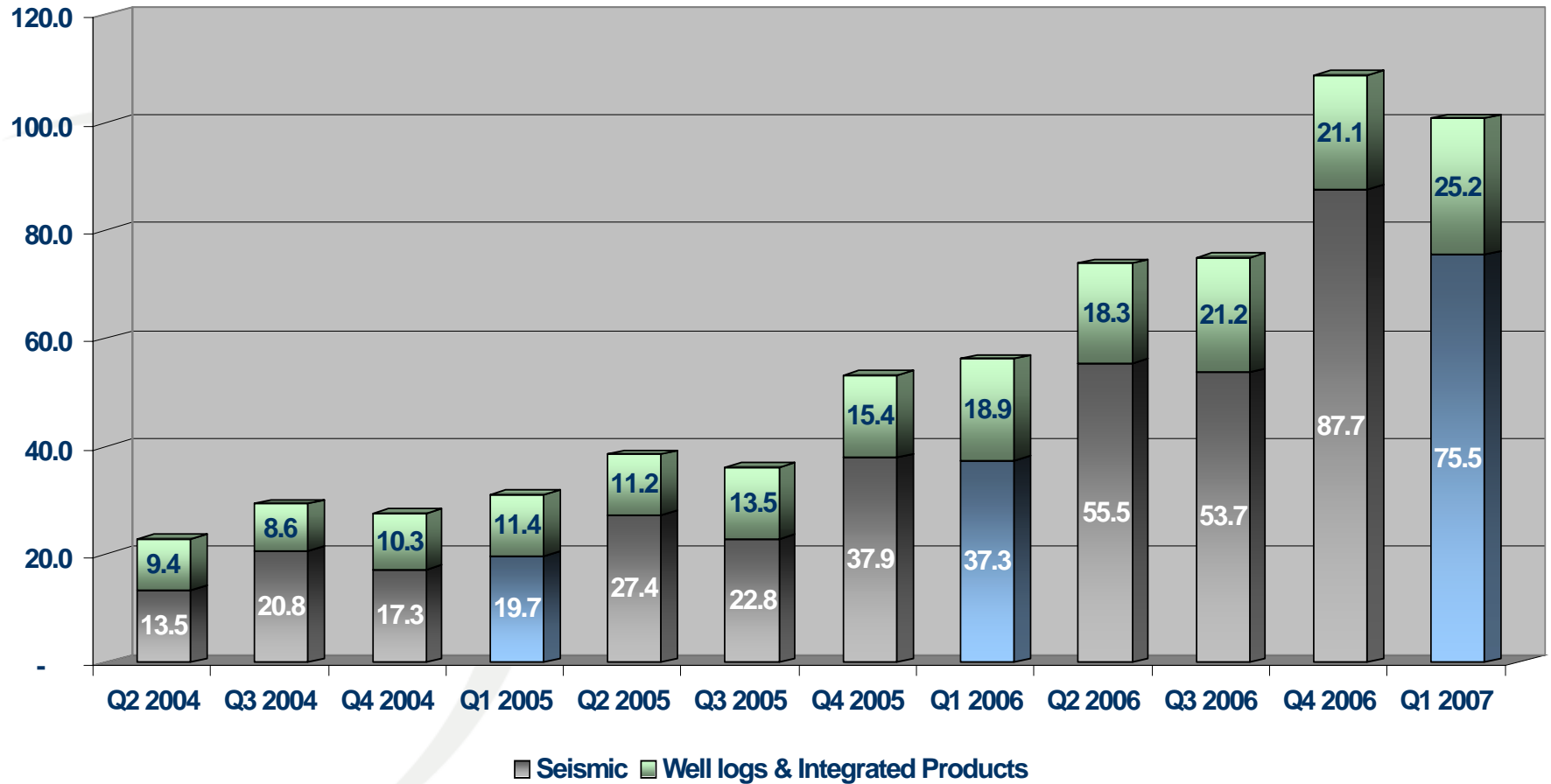
## Well Logs & Integrated Products

- Signed 5-year subscription agreement for smartRASTER well logs
- Secured pre-funding for interpretation updates: Europe & GoM deep shelf

## Imaging – Parallel Data Systems

- Entered definitive agreement to acquire PDS subject to regulatory approvals

# Backlog



# Outlook & Expectations

- Demand for geoscientific services & products remains strong
- MC investments will begin to ramp up seasonally in Q2:
  - Continuation of Eastern Delta 3D & resumption of Stanley 3D
  - Continuation of Indonesia Frontier Basins (2 2D, 2 multibeam)
  - Start of 2007 NSR 2D campaign (3 vessels)
  - Start of 3D in West Africa
- Original 2007 expectations remain unchanged:
  - MC Library investments: USD 175 – 185 million
  - Average pre-funding: 50 – 60% of investments
  - Average amortization rate: 28 – 33% of net revenues
  - Annual net revenue growth: 20 - 25%