

Toolbox

Finding the most effective, efficient and lowest cost means of settling disputes is key to managing issues and conflict appropriately.

The costs of disputes between companies in the oil & gas industry are measured in time and money wasted, relationships damaged and opportunities missed. The implied message with these options is about getting at situations earlier, before the problem has compounded to cost the company(ies) more than is necessary. The list of common problems faced is a familiar one, here are a few:

- Drainage and pooling
- Contracts, accounting and auditing issues
- Joint venture agreement breakdowns
- Lengthy, expensive regulatory processes

Taking regulatory or legal action to settle disputes or enforce company-to-company agreements are difficult and expensive decisions to make. This toolbox is designed to be a practical guide to the range of options companies in the oil & gas industry could consider in settling their disputes and managing the issues and conflicts that are a part of doing business.

We would like to ensure that industry is clear that by ADR, we mean Appropriate Dispute Resolution. This means the negotiator for the company is to make an informed choice on what appropriate process(es) to use as a tool to resolve conflict. Earlier, direct consultations/ negotiations are strongly encouraged and more than one process can be used at any one time.