

Title (en)

METHODS FOR DRILLING AND PRODUCING FROM COAL BED FORMATIONS AND ASSOCIATED APPARATUS

Title (de)

VERFAHREN ZUM BOHREN UND PRODUZIEREN AUS KOHLEBETTFORMATIONEN UND ZUGEHÖRIGE VORRICHTUNG

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PROCÉDÉS DE FORAGE ET DE PRODUCTION À PARTIR DE FORMATIONS HOUILLÈRES ET APPAREIL ASSOCIÉ

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Abstract (en)

[origin: WO2015044674A2] There are described methods and apparatus of drilling coal bed methane formations. In some examples, there is given a method of drilling a formation, comprising drilling at least one wellbore in a coal bed methane formation using a drill string having an inner string and an outer string, the inner string and outer string defining a passageway therebetween; providing a drilling medium to drill apparatus for use in drilling the formation, the drilling medium provided through one of the inner or outer strings; and returning a combined medium comprising drilling medium, drilling cuttings, produced water and/or gas from the formation to surface via the other of the inner and outer string. Subsequent to drilling the formation, there are also described methods and apparatus for producing from coal bed methane formations. In some examples, this includes producing a first fluid, or fluid product (e.g. water and gas) from a first flow passage within a wellbore; and also producing a second fluid, or fluid product, (e.g. methane) from a second flow passage within the wellbore.

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