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## **HIGH LEVEL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS & SENIOR EXECUTIVES CONFIRMED TO PARTICIPATE IN IPTC IN BANGKOK, THAILAND**

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (03 February 2012) – High level government officials and industry leaders have confirmed their participation in the rescheduled 2011 International Petroleum Technology Conference (IPTC) on 7-9 February 2012 at the Bangkok Convention Centre at Central World in Bangkok, Thailand.

The Opening Ceremony of 2011 IPTC will be officiated by H.E. Yingluck Shinawatra, Prime Minister of Thailand (*invited*) and include remarks by H.E. Arak Chonlathanont, Minister of Energy, Thailand; H.E. Dr. Sok An, Deputy Prime Minister of Cambodia and Chairman, Cambodian National Petroleum Authority, H.E. Mohamed Bin Dhaen Al-Hamli, Minister of Energy, United Arab Emirates; H.E. Dr. Mohammed Hamed Al-Rumhy, Minister of Oil & Gas, Oman; Norkun Siththiphong, PTT Plc. and PTT Exploration & Production Plc. Board Chairman and Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Energy, Thailand; and Mahmoud M. Abdulbaqi, IPTC Board Chairman and Chairman, Argas on Tuesday, 7 February 2012 from 0800-1000 hours at the World Ballroom, Level 23, Bangkok Convention Centre.

Zhou Jiping, President, China National Petroleum Corporation and Vice Chairman and President of PetroChina Co., Ltd.; Yves-Louis Darricarrere, Executive Vice President, Total S.A. and President, Total Exploration & Production; Dato' Wee Yiaw Hin, Executive Vice President, Exploration & Production, PETRONAS; Gerald Schotman, Chief Technology Officer, Shell; Hugh W. Thompson, Vice President Asia Pacific, ExxonMobil Production Co. will speak at the Executive Plenary Session on Tuesday, 7 February from 1400-1600 hours at the World Ballroom, Level 23, Bangkok Convention Centre. The Executive Plenary Session is an opportunity for top-level senior executives to discuss the conference theme and provides conference delegates with an over-arching perspective of the industry, and will be Co-Chaired by Anon Sirisaengtaksin, 2011 IPTC Executive Committee Chairman and President & CEO, PTT Exploration & Production Public Company Limited (PTTEP).; and Nasser Al-Jaidah, CEO, Qatar Petroleum International.

With the conference theme **“Technology and Operational Excellence: Keys to Sustainable Global Energy”**, and over 350 papers to be presented in 60 technical sessions, IPTC in Bangkok will provide unprecedented opportunities for energy professionals to address technical and business issues that challenge the oil and gas industry in all parts of the world, and certain over-arching industry issues such as health, safety, and environment; security; human relations; competency and training.

2011 IPTC's comprehensive conference programme will also include Panel Sessions aimed at engaging conference delegates in a constructive debate on the future of the oil and gas sector. The Panel Session topics for the 2011 IPTC are:

- “Unlocking Unconventional Resources – Keys to Success: Technology, Costs, Opportunity and Global Adoption”
- “Technology Development and Innovation”
- “Operational Excellence: People, Processes and Technology”
- “Deep Water Challenges – GOM's Long Term Impact and How Should The Industry Move Forward”

Over 3,000 participants from around the globe are expected to attend the meeting, a flagship multi-disciplinary technical event in the Eastern Hemisphere which will be hosted by Thailand's national petroleum company, PTT Exploration and Production Public Company Limited (PTTEP) a company of PTT Group. IPTC is a collaborative effort among the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG), the European Association of Geoscientists and Engineers (EAGE), the Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG), and the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE).

A technical exhibition will cover over 2,600 square metres, and will be held in conjunction with the conference. Additional components such as: a Young Professionals Workshop; an Education Week; Education Days; and for the first time at IPTC, Teachers' Day, will also be held in conjunction with the conference and exhibition. These conference components will bring international students from selected universities, local high school students, and teachers together to gain insight into the energy industry. Topical luncheons and an active programme of social activities and technical field trips will also be featured.

For Exhibit information and Sponsorship Opportunities or additional information about the event please contact [iptc@iptcnet.org](mailto:iptc@iptcnet.org) or visit the IPTC website at: <http://www.iptcnet.org/2011>.

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