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INDUSTRY LEADERS CONFIRMED TO PARTICIPATE IN STRONG TECHNICAL PROGRAMME

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (12 November 2012) – The 6th edition of the International Petroleum Technology Conference (IPTC) to be held on 26-28 March 2013 at the Beijing International Convention Center in Beijing, China, will include, for the first time, a CEO Plenary Session. This session is an opportunity for the most senior industry executives to discuss the conference theme and provide conference delegates with an over-arching perspective of the industry. The following industry leaders have confirmed their participation in the CEO Plenary Session to be held on Tuesday, 26 March, Zhou Jiping, President, China National Petroleum Corp., and Vice Chairman and President, PetroChina Co. Ltd.; Peter Voser, CEO, Royal Dutch Shell; Khalid Al Falih, CEO & President, Saudi Aramco; Martin Craighead, President & CEO, Baker Hughes; and Peter Coleman, CEO & Managing Director, Woodside Energy Ltd.

With the conference theme “Challenging Technology and Economic Limits to Meet the Global Energy Demand”, IPTC Beijing received a record-breaking 2,195 abstracts from 302 organisations representing 53 countries. The programme committee has built the largest and strongest IPTC technical programme yet, with over 800 papers from 139 organisations representing 41 countries and to be presented in 70 technical sessions and Knowledge Sharing Sessions (ePoster) covering geosciences, reservoir, drilling and completions, development and production of unconventional oil & gas, over-arching industry issues (HSE, CSR, talent development & training), mid-stream gas (gas clean-up & storage technologies and natural gas as motor fuel), and onshore and offshore opportunities and challenges in exploration and production in China.

“The quality and variety of technical topics being covered in the technical programme is highly encouraging. The multi-disciplinary knowledge sharing that will take place at IPTC in March will be unparalleled. We strongly encourage industry professionals interested in the full value chain of oil and gas exploration and production to attend this valuable event,” said Conference Technical Programme Committee Co-Advisor, Rick F. Weber, Vice President Technical, ExxonMobil Exploration Co.

IPTC Beijing's comprehensive conference programme will also include an Executive Plenary Session focused on challenges in exploration and production, and panel sessions aimed at engaging conference delegates in a constructive debate on the future of the oil and gas sector. Topics include:

- “Integrated Capability Development: Technology, People and Business Processes”
- “Maximising Current Asset Values: Breakthrough Technology”
- “Operational Excellence and World Class HSE Performance”
- “Innovative & Emerging Technologies – Adoption and Implementation”

The 6th IPTC will be hosted by China’s largest oil and gas producer – China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC) – and co-hosted by the world’s largest non-governmental producer of oil and natural gas – Exxon Mobil Corporation. Over 5,000 participants from around the globe are expected to attend IPTC in Beijing, including influential industry leaders, professionals, as well as senior government officials and NGO representatives.

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). The synergies between these four, leading professional societies result in the most comprehensive, multi-disciplinary technical programme among oil and gas conferences worldwide.

Companies are given the opportunity to choose from a wide range of sponsorship items to maximise exposure and visibility. Sponsors include Arrow Energy, Chevron, China National Petroleum Corp. (CNPC), ConocoPhillips, ExxonMobil, Hess, Kuwait Oil Co., Saudi Aramco, Shell, Statoil, Total and Woodside Energy Ltd.

The IPTC “Excellence in Project Integration” Award recognises the distinguished achievements by a company or companies in the integration of multiple disciplines and execution for major industry projects, from discovery to delivery. 16 projects have been submitted for consideration, and the winning project will receive the award at the Conference Dinner and Award Presentation scheduled from 1800 – 2100 hours on Tuesday, 26 March.

Additionally, a Young Professionals Workshop themed, “Adapting to Change: New Technologies and Challenges in the 21st Century”, will bring together new entrants into the industry for interaction, discussion and sharing of experiences. This workshop combines presentations from experienced industry speakers with ample opportunity for discussion through question-and-answer and breakout sessions.

Education Week will also be held in conjunction with the conference and exhibition and 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.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!

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