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China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC) to Host 2012 Asia Pacific Drilling Technology Conference (APDT) in Tianjin, China

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (20 May 2011) – The Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) and the International Association of Drilling Contractors (IADC), are pleased to announce that the ninth biennial IADC/SPE Asia Pacific Drilling Technology Conference (APDT) will be held for the first time in China, from 9-11 July 2012 at the Renaissance Tianjin Lakeview Hotel in Tianjin, China. The China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC) is the 2012 APDT Host Organisation.

The conference theme is “***Catching the Unconventional Tide: Winning the Future through Innovation***”, which captures the growing importance of unconventional resources and the vital role that technology innovation will play in sustaining the world’s future energy demands. To complement and enhance the conference theme, the conference programme committee is working to deliver a diverse and comprehensive technical programme.

Liao Yongyuan, Vice President, China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC) is the 2012 APDT Conference Chairman, while Yang Qiling, President, CNPC Technical Service Co., and Datuk George Ling, Drilling Advisor, PETRONAS are the Technical Programme Committee Co-Chairmen. Together, with the Programme Committee, the Co-Chairmen aim to provide conference delegates with a comprehensive conference programme exploring the challenges encountered by industry professionals associated with the methods and processes used to extract conventional and unconventional resources effectively and efficiently considering both technical perspective and HSE perspectives.

In addition to the conference, a technical exhibition covering more than 250sqm will be held in conjunction with the 2012 APDT. The technical exhibition will facilitate technology transfer between exhibitors and attendees.

For additional information visit www.spe.org/apdt or contact Andrea Chia, SPE Senior Event Coordinator for Conference Programming at achia@spe.org or Stephanie Gillett, SPE Communications and PR Coordinator & Event Coordinator for Exhibition and Sponsorship opportunities at email: sgillett@spe.org.

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