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2010 IOGCEC – Executive Plenary Session for the first time at IOGCEC

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (4 May 2010) – From 8-10 June 2010, Beijing will proudly host the ninth edition of the International Oil & Gas Conference and Exhibition in China (IOGCEC). Over 3,000 technical professionals from around the globe are expected to attend the meeting at the Beijing International Convention Center.

IOGCEC is co-organised by the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) and the Chinese Petroleum Society (CPS). Previous collaboration between these two, leading professional societies has already resulted in eight successful editions of this event, and, as in the past, this comprehensive international oil and gas conference will be conducted with the full cooperation and support of China's national oil companies – China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC), China Petroleum & Chemical Corporation (SINOPEC) and China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC). SPE is an international not-for-profit organisation with worldwide membership of over 92,000 petroleum industry professionals and students. The total membership of CPS, which includes technical people from industry disciplines including Petroleum Engineering, is 64,000.

The 2010 IOGCEC Executive Committee chaired by Zhou Jiping, Vice President, CNPC, and President, PetroChina Company Limited; and vice co-chaired by Wang Zhigang, Senior Vice President, SINOPEC and Zhou Shouwei, Vice President, CNOOC, along with Technical Programme Committee Co-Chairmen Liu Zhenwu, Deputy Chief Technology Officer, CNPC; and Dato' Wee Yiau Hin, Executive Vice President, PETRONAS Exploration and Production, have helped oversee the development of the conference programme around the theme, "**Opportunities and Challenges in a Volatile Environment**", consistent with the prevailing economic and industry climate. The conference will focus on key trends and technical issues to facilitate knowledge and technology transfer, providing a platform for industry leaders and professionals to showcase strategies and technologies that enhance their E&P activities around the world, while offering opportunities for learning, development and networking.

For the first time at IOGCEC, the conference programme will include an Executive Plenary Session focused on the conference theme. Panel speakers include, H.E. Dr. Mohammed Hamed Al-Rumhy, Minister of Oil and Gas, Oman; Mark W. Albers, Senior Vice President, Exxon Mobil Corporation; Mohammed Yahya Al-Qahtani, Executive Director, Petroleum Engineering & Development, Saudi Aramco; Andy Inglis, Chief Executive, E&P, BP; Andrew Gould, Chairman and CEO, Schlumberger; and Matthias Bichsel, Member of Executive Committee of Royal Dutch Shell plc, and Director of Projects and Technology, Shell Intl. E&P B.V. These senior executives will address the state of the industry's opportunities and challenges, and share the specific viewpoints of their companies in meeting these challenges. Following the speakers' presentations, a question and answer session will be moderated by the 2010 IOGCEC Technical Programme Co-Chairmen, Liu Zhenwu and Dato' Wee Yiau Hin. This session will also be conducted with simultaneous translation into Chinese.

The 2010 IOGCEC will also include daily Topical Luncheons where industry executives will share their perspectives on a specific topic. On Tuesday, 8 June, George L. Kirkland, Vice Chairman of the Board and Executive Vice President of Global Upstream and Gas, Chevron Corporation will present “*A Perspective on Meeting Asia Pacific’s Rising Demand for Energy*”, while on Wednesday, 9 June, Jan Rune Schøpp, Vice President Natural Gas, Strategy and Analysis, Statoil ASA, will discuss the topic, “*The Gas Market Challenges and Opportunities*”. Thursday, 10 June will see Jim Prestidge, Vice President - Asia Pacific, Halliburton, will present the topic, “*Technology and Experience Overcome Challenges to New Resources*”.

Furthermore, 2010 IOGCEC will feature three panel sessions, with the topics: *Meeting Current and Future Energy Challenges*; *Management of Technology and Innovation*; and *Opportunities and Challenges in Developing Oil & Gas in Asia Pacific*. More than 20 industry leaders, representing the Government sector, National Oil Companies, International Oil Companies, the services sector and academia will address the conference at the Plenary and Panel Sessions. In addition, 45 Technical Sessions will be conducted, more than double the programme of 2006, with over 350 accepted abstracts representing 32 countries. These sessions will be conducted in both presentation and poster formats.

An exhibition will be held concurrently with the technical programme for exhibiting companies to showcase their products and services. The more than 1,200 square meters of exhibition space at Beijing International Convention Centre has already been fully committed. The exhibition will also feature an Advanced Technology Showcase, which gives selected exhibiting organisations a platform to highlight and promote an extensive range of new, emerging and advanced technology in their specialist field.

In conjunction with the conference, the following events will be held: a Young Professionals Workshop and an Education Week, as well as an active programme of social activities. Details of these programmes are available on the SPE website and in the Conference Preview.

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