**Global HSE event by Society of Petroleum Engineers opened today in Abu Dhabi**

16 April 2018, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates - The SPE International Conference and Exhibition on Health, Safety, Security, Environment, and Social Responsibility opened today with more than 750 attendees from 48 countries and 174 companies. Organised by the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE), the three-day event returns to the region for the first time since 2006.

The keynote address was delivered by Abdulmunim Saif Al Kindy, Director, Upstream Directorate,

ADNOC, followed by speeches from Abdulla Al Marzooqi, Conference Chair and Manager, Group Health, Safety and Environment Unit, ADNOC; and Khalid A. Zainalabedin, SPE Regional Director, Middle East and North Africa, Saudi Aramco.

“We know that our commitment to 100% HSE is not only the right thing to do but the smart thing as it makes solid business sense, underpins ADNOC’s 2030 strategy to deliver a more profitable upstream, a more economic and sustainable gas supply, and a more valuable downstream,” said Abdulmunim Saif Al Kindy.

“The theme of this year’s conference is **Continuing HSSE and Social Responsibility Excellence for a Sustainable Future** and will put a strong focus on discussion topics in all areas of health, safety, and the environment. Professionals from all over the world will be sharing best practices, new techniques, compliance and community engagement strategies, and much more,” said Abdulla Al Marzooqi.

“The SPE continues to host this international conference with the firm belief that bringing together global professionals in all areas of health, safety, and environment to share their best practices, new technologies, new techniques, compliance strategies and community engagement can focus attention on HSE best practices that serve our industry and communities. By doing so, SPE continues our core mission of providing opportunities for enhancing the technical and professional competencies of our members by disseminating, and exchanging the technical knowledge required to meet the world’s energy needs in a safe and environmentally-responsible manner,” said Khalid A. Zainalabedin.

The event features three days of plenary and panel sessions, technical sessions, knowledge sharing ePoster sessions, and a state-of-the-art exhibition featuring both regional and international companies who will showcase their innovations, products, and services.

School and university students looking to embark on a career in the oil and gas industry will participate in bespoke programmes and activities. The Energy4me student workshop will focus on students, aged 16 to 17, with the aim to engage them in STEM-related subjects. The university programme features the events Oil and Gas: Expat-ations of Living Abroad; Student Sustainability Challenge: Harnessing Sustainability through HSSE; SPE Cares x Emirates Environmental Group (EEG): One Root, One Communi-Tree; and the Career Pathways Fair.

Sponsors include ADNOC (Host Organisation), Baker Hughes, a GE company, and Saudi Aramco (Principal Sponsors), Schlumberger (Titanium Sponsor), Halliburton (Delegate Bags Sponsor), Dragon Oil, ENOC, ExxonMobil, and Shell (Platinum Sponsors), Total (Gold Sponsor), ERM and PETRONAS (Silver Sponsors), BP (Bronze Sponsor), and Occidental Petroleum Corporation (Associate Sponsor). HSE Now is the Official Media Supporter.

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