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SPOTLIGHT TECHNOLOGY TRENDS AT RUSSIAN OIL AND GAS



(MOSCOW) – RUSSIA'S LEADING TECHNICAL FORUM FOR THE GLOBAL OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY WILL HIGHLIGHT ADVANCES IN TECHNOLOGY IMPACTING THE ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL UPSTREAM SECTOR.

THERE ARE JUST TWO WEEKS TO GO UNTIL SEVERAL THOUSAND ATTENDEES GATHER AT SPE RUSSIAN OIL AND GAS TO DISCUSS THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION MARKETS.

THE SPE RUSSIAN OIL AND GAS TECHNICAL CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION HAS DAILY PLENARY SESSIONS AND A FANTASTIC RANGE OF PEER-REVIEWED PAPERS BEING PRESENTED IN MORE THAN 20 TECHNICAL SESSIONS. WITH SO MANY SESSIONS FEATURING KEY TECHNOLOGIES AND TRENDS EMERGING IN RUSSIA, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EVENT'S CONFERENCE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE HAS FLAGGED UP THE MAIN TOPICS OF DISCUSSION TO HELP VISITORS PLAN THEIR SCHEDULES.

CHAIRMAN ADIL MUKHITOV OF SCHLUMBERGER HAS HIGHLIGHTED THE MAIN CRITERIA FOR THE PAPERS TO BE PRESENTED AS BEING INNOVATION AND APPLICABILITY TO EXISTING TECHNICAL CHALLENGES AS WELL AS THE POTENTIAL ECONOMIC EFFICIENCY OF THE USE OF PROPOSED INNOVATIONS FOR SUBSOIL USERS. THE SUCCESS OF THE CALL FOR PAPERS, AND THEIR QUALITY, PERSUADED THE COMMITTEE TO ADD IN EXTRA SESSIONS, WITH AN OUTSTANDING 19 TECHNICAL SESSIONS TO BE HELD FEATURING 168 ORAL AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS.

TECHNICAL SUBJECTS THAT MR MUKHITOV HIGH LIGHTED IN THE PROGRAMME INCLUDE DRILLING, RESERVOIR ENGINEERING, GEOLOGY AND GEOPHYSICS, PRODUCTION ENHANCEMENT, REMOTE OPERATIONS, PRODUCTION MONITORING, FLUID MECHANISMS, RESERVOIR MONITORING, PRODUCTION OPERATIONS, GAS TECHNOLOGY, COMPLETIONS, RESERVOIR MODELLING, FLOW ASSURANCE, MATURE FIELDS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES.

**STRONG DRILLING CULTURE IN
RUSSIAN OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY**

THE TOPIC OF DRILLING IS FEATURED IN TWO SEPARATE SESSIONS, WHICH MR MUKHITOV POINTED OUT WAS A "GOOD REFLECTION OF THE STRONG DRILLING CULTURE IN THE RUSSIAN OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY". THE SESSIONS WILL FEATURE PRESENTATIONS INCLUDING CASE STUDIES FOCUSING ON AN OFFSHORE FIELD OPERATED BY ROSNEFT, AND AN ONSHORE FIELD IN WESTERN SIBERIA OPERATED BY TNK-BP. THERE WILL ALSO BE SEVERAL OTHER PRESENTATIONS ABOUT THE LATEST DRILLING TECHNOLOGIES, ONE OF WHICH WILL FOCUS INTERESTINGLY ON FEASIBILITY STUDIES INTO COMBINING DRILLING WITH CASING AND EXPANDABLE CASING.

HE ALSO PICKED OUT A MULTIDISCIPLINARY SESSION ADDED TO THE PROGRAMME THAT HAS "UNIQUELY INTERESTING PAPERS". ONE WILL COVER THE EXPERIENCE OF REMOTE OPERATION INITIATIVES HOW TO MANAGE OPERATIONS THOUSANDS OF KILO METRES AWAY, AND WHAT BENEFITS IT BROUGHT TO

ITALIAN OPERATOR ENI. A SECOND PRESENTATION WILL SHARE THE EXPERIENCE IN THE PREPARATION OF YOUNG RUSSIAN PETROLEUM PROFESSIONALS IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT. THE PAPER WILL DESCRIBE HOW SUCH PROGRAMMES WERE DEVELOPED TO MEET SPECIFIC LOCAL NEEDS IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT. OTHERS WILL FOCUS ON THE AREA OF PRODUCTION MONITORING EXPERIENCE IN SAUDI ARABIA AND RUSSIA.

ANOTHER SUBJECT THAT WARRANTED TWO SEPARATE SESSIONS WAS THAT OF COMPLETIONS, WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DESCRIBED AS "A GOOD INDICATOR OF THE RELEVANCE OF THE TOPIC, PARTICULARLY FRAC TURING, FOR THE RUSSIAN OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY". THIS WILL FEATURE AMONGST OTHERS A FASCINATING PAPER ON THE EVOLUTION OF HYDRAULIC FRACTURING IN RUSSIA.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST, MR MUKHITOV SAID THE SESSION ON EMERGING TECHNOLOGY "WOULD COMBINE A BROAD SPECTRUM OF PAPERS. IT COVERS SUBJECTS RANGING FROM THE USE OF NEW TECHNOLOGY ON THE SAKHALIN II PROJECT TO RISK MINIMISATION ON A SIBERIAN PROJECT WITH MAJOR RESERVOIR UNCERTAINTIES. ANOTHER PRESENTATION WILL TALK ABOUT THE DESIGN OF A NEW FLOATING PRODUCTION, STORAGE AND OFFLOADING (FPSO) SYSTEM FOR THE SAKHALIN-V PROJECT, FOLLOWED BY A PRESENTATION ABOUT PILOT CYCLIC STEAM STIMULATIONS IN LOW-PERMEABILITY HEAVY OIL CARBONATES."

ASIDE FROM THE TECHNICAL PROGRAMME, THERE WILL ALSO BE PLENARY SESSIONS EACH DAY FEATURING TOP LEVEL SPEAKERS. THE DAY 1 PLENARY SESSION IS ENTITLED 'THE RUSSIAN OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY AND ITS ROLE IN THE GLOBAL ENERGY MARKET', WHILE DAY 2'S THEME IS 'THE ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY TODAY AND TOMORROW', WITH THE FINAL DAY'S PLENARY SESSION ENTITLED 'YOUNG PROFESSIONALS AND THEIR TRAINING - REALISING THEIR TALENT TODAY AND TOMORROW'.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A TOPICAL LUNCHEON ABOUT THE SHTOKMAN FIELD TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 29TH OCTOBER AND FEATURING A PRESENTATION BY HERVE MADEO, FIRST DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE SHTOKMAN DEVELOPMENT. VISIT WWW.RUSSIANOILGAS.COM FOR FURTHER CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION INFORMATION.

SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION FOR DELEGATES AT CONFERENCE

THE SPE RUSSIAN OIL AND GAS EVENT WILL BE HELD FROM 28-30TH OCTOBER 2008 AT THE ALL-RUSSIA EXHIBITION CENTRE, CLOSE TO THE CENTRE OF MOSCOW. THE 2008 CONFERENCE WILL BE CONDUCTED USING SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION, WITH CD ROMS OF ALL PAPERS TO BE PRODUCED FOR THE DELEGATES IN BOTH RUSSIAN AND ENGLISH.

PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS THIS YEAR ON THE SHOW FLOOR INCLUDE RITEK, ROSNEFT TATNEFT, TNK-BP, SALYM PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT, CHEVRON, EXXONMOBIL, STATOILHYDRO, SCHLUMBERGER, BAKER HUGHES, HALLIBURTON, WEATHER FORD, PARADIGM, WELLTEC, SWEELFIX AND SBM OFFSHORE. THE EXHIBITION WILL COVER SOME 2,300SQ METRES AND ALSO INCLUDE COUNTRY PAVILIONS FROM CHINA AND NORWAY.

FOR THOSE NOT YET REGISTERED TO ATTEND, GO TO: WWW.RUSSIANOILGAS.COM/REGISTER; OR WWW.RUSSIANOILGAS.RU/REGISTRACIA AND ENTER YOUR DETAILS NOW. THOSE NEEDING TO APPLY FOR VISAS MUST DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ENSURE THE PROCESS IS COMPLETE BEFORE TRAVELLING. FOR TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION GO TO: WWW.RUSSIANOILGAS.COM/TRAVEL.

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ZANZIBAR PRESIDENT VISITS H.H. SHEIKH SAUD BIN SAQR AL QASIMI IN RAS AL KHAIMAH

The President of Zanzibar, H.E. Amani Abeid Karume, visited Ras Al Khaimah on Thursday (October 16, 2008), where he met with H.H. Sheikh Saud bin Saqr Al Qasimi, Crown Prince and Deputy Ruler of Ras Al Khaimah and selected key businessmen at the Royal Palace. During his visit, the President explored the various real estate developments within Ras Al Khaimah, namely Al Marjan Island, Dana Island, Al Hamra Village, and Bab Al Bahr. Representatives of RAKEEN, the master developer of the Ras Al Khaimah Government,

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as well as RAK Properties accompanied H.E. and his 15 delegates on tours of various construction sites, and visits to the completed projects.

A multimedia presentation was also shown, which outlined the design layouts for projects currently under construction within the emirate.

The President's afternoon agenda included visits to RAK Hospital, RAK Airways, Saqr Port and Al Hamra Fort Hotel.

The visit of His Excellency, Amani Abeid Karume, to Ras Al Khaimah continues a long trading history that Zanzibar has had with the Arab World when it was a separate state. Zanzibar united with the East African territory Tanganyika to form the country Tanzania in 1964. The President is the latest in a line of leaders to recently visit Ras Al Khaimah.

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MAKATEB HOLDING LAUNCHES REVOLUTIONARY 'HOTEL-STYLE' SERVICES FOR OFFICE BUILDINGS

Market for innovative, 'lifestyle-oriented' services grows as over 3,000 modern Office Buildings are expected to rise within the next 10 years

Makateb Holding, The first Office Building Operator Company in the world has announced that it has launched today (Monday, November 10, 2008) its operations in the UAE, offering a revolutionary new concept designed to enhance the working environment and deliver optimum business value to office building tenants. Leveraging the UAE's enormous growth potential with over 3,000 new office buildings expected to rise within the next 10 years; Makateb Holding has complemented its current service portfolio with a complete range of end-to-end office building solutions tailored to suit the distinct requirements of various business organisations, while also adhering to the highest environmental standards. The company's new office projects will adopt green building principles and ensure cost reduction, energy conservation, profit maximisation and a productive business setting.

Makateb Holding features a unique rating system that distinguishes office buildings as one-star, two-star and up to five-star facilities – in the same manner hotels are conveniently classified. The criteria used for this rating are based on standards compliance and the provision of amenities and services according to the adopted classification system; ensuring the same level of luxury and quality services clients would expect from premium hotel operators and resulting to a truly first-of-its-kind experience for office building tenants in the UAE and the region. Makateb Holding will offer its services to all office property owners and developers, regardless if their buildings or related facilities are already in operation, are currently in the design stage or are under construction.

"Makateb Holding is bringing an amazingly novel concept that really works for the benefit of the whole office building community. This is in line with our vision to transform the office lifestyle by creating a uniquely dynamic environment that is highly responsive to the needs of building tenants

"For the first time, building occupants can really feel at home while being at their workplaces, a key factor that will significantly improve employee and business performance and productivity," said Hesham A. Alghani, Chairman of the Board, Makateb Holding Limited.



"We are confident that Dubai is the perfect venue to launch this innovative service because of the emirate's solid foundation as a global business hub and its excellent reputation as a fertile ground for cutting-edge concepts and out-of-the-box winning ideas. The emirate's excellent fundamentals and remarkable economic growth rates will certainly provide Makateb Holding the required energy to elevate our services as the new standards in the industry. Moreover, our consolidated presence in Dubai will likewise anchor Makateb Holding's growth initiatives in the Middle East and across Asia," added A. Alghani.

While Makateb Holding has customised services for a wide range of building profiles, those that are still in the design phase stand to gain most in terms of greater flexibility in incorporating the specific designs and components required to enhance the building's operation and strengthen its market value.

Makateb Holding has forged Joint Ventures and Partnerships with high-end specialised international companies operating in the areas of Facility Design Consultancy and Facility Management. In addition Gym & Spa, Business Centres, Restaurants and Coffee shops. This is in line with its aim to provide its end-to-end offerings to clients and to strengthen its position to expand its activities in the international market. Makateb Holding has also established partnerships with high-end specialty companies such as facility and cleaning management firms, concessionaires and gym and business centre operators to strengthen its end-to-end offerings and gain additional leverage to expand its activities in the international market.

Makateb Holding's strategy builds on Dubai's reputation as a quality-focused and service-oriented society, wherein excellence and superb performance are essential factors in the corporate decision process. Our end-to-end solutions are designed to infuse new energy and ultimately drive quality performance. Clients will certainly find great value and long-term benefits in these specialised services," concluded A. Alghani.



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