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KIOGE 2010: Uniting the Oil & Gas Industry in Kazakhstan

KIOGE 2010, the 18th International Oil & Gas Exhibition and Conference will be held from 6th - 9th October 2010 at the Atakent Exhibition Centre and Intercontinental Hotel in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

KIOGE is respected as the leading oil and gas industry event in Central Asia, underlined by the fact that the exhibition will host thousands of trade professionals and up to 500 exhibitors from around the world. In addition, the conference will welcome around 1,000 delegates, more than 30 sponsors and 60 speakers. Collectively, the KIOGE exhibition and conference unite the most influential buyers, suppliers and major commercial decision makers in the Kazakh oil and gas sector.

KIOGE is again supported at the highest levels with Kazakhstan's Ministry of Oil & Gas, the national oil company, KazMunayGas and the Almaty City Administration all lending their weight to the event. KIOGE's gold sponsors are KazMunayGas, Karachaganak and Baker Hughes.

The exhibition and conference form the centrepiece of a week-long programme of seminars, round-table debates, a job fair, business presentations and a host of networking events including cocktail receptions, gala dinners and a golf day. Notably, for the first time, the Astana-based KazEnergy Forum has moved its conference dates to fit into the traditional KIOGE week. This concentration of key events into one week will allow people travelling long distances to meet their objectives in a single trip.

ITE's Head of Oil and Gas Events, Graeme Coombes, said. "The new co-operation between KazEnergy and KIOGE is good news for participants who, in previous years, had to travel to both events on separate trips. Not only have we managed to fit both events into a single week, we have agreed to differentiate each conference so that delegates have something to gain from both. The KIOGE conference will have an even greater focus on the key commercial and operational issues that shape the oil and gas sector in Kazakhstan. The KazEnergy Forum will focus on political and strategic issues".

The KIOGE conference will feature some of the most important and influential players in the industry, including: Sauat Mynbayev, Minister, Ministry of Oil and Gas, Republic of Kazakhstan; Lyazzat Kiinov, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Oil & Gas, Republic of Kazakhstan; Kairgeldy Kabyldin, Chairman of the Board, KazMunayGas; Uzakbay Karabalin, General Director, Kazakh Institute of Oil & Gas and Kenzhebek Ibrashev, General Director, KazMunayGas E&P.

These and other expert speakers will be debating a range of issues including: Exploration & Production technology; the current tax and regulatory framework in Kazakhstan; plans to develop local content and ensure the transfer of knowledge; and environmental disaster management.

Speaking about the KIOGE exhibition, Mr Coombes continued. "The KIOGE exhibition is the focal point for manufacturers and service providers to meet the most important buyers in this dynamic market. Kazakhstan's oil and gas industry is packed with opportunities and we are delighted to be welcoming new and regular exhibitors to this year's event and especially those who will be participating with official national groups from Germany, Canada and France".

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KIOGE is organised by the Kazakhstan exhibition company ITECA, part of the ITE Group, with partners from the UK, Russia, Azerbaijan, Germany, Turkey, China and other countries.

Since its inception in 2003, KIOGE has been held under the auspices of the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources of Kazakhstan, the Almaty City Akimat, and KazMunayGas National Company JSC.

The KIOGE conference will begin with a pre-conference workshop on 6th October followed by the main conference sessions on 7th and 8th October 2010 at the InterContinental Almaty - The Ankara in Kazakhstan.

The KIOGE exhibition takes place at the Atakent Exhibition Centre in Almaty on 6th to 9th October 2010.

For more information, please visit www.kioge.com and www.kioge.kz.

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