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## Industry Leaders Set Agenda for Global Petroleum Meeting in Qatar

*Key theme and technical categories announced for 2014 International Petroleum Technology Conference*

The 7<sup>th</sup> International Petroleum Technology Conference (IPTC), which will be held in Doha, Qatar, 20–22 January 2014, has officially announced the opening of its Call for Papers under the key theme of “*Unlocking Energy through Innovation, Technology, and Capability*”.

More than 1,700 technical papers are expected to be submitted to the IPTC committee to be presented at the largest multi-society event in the eastern hemisphere. IPTC 2014 is hosted by Qatar Petroleum (QP), with ExxonMobil as co-host, and it aims to bring more than 8,000 industry professionals together to discuss the advancement of technical knowledge related to the exploration, development, production, transportation, and processing of oil and natural gas.

The combined efforts of four of the world’s leading member-driven societies—the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG), the European Association of Geoscientists and Engineers (EAGE), the Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG), and the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE)—will ensure an unmatched technical programme with only the highest standard of papers to be selected for the conference.

Following an executive committee meeting on 1 October 2012 in Dallas, Texas, USA, QP’s Director for Oil and Gas Ventures Saad Sherida Al-Kaabi commented, “We are delighted to continue as the permanent host of IPTC in the region and we look forward to another successful edition of the event in January 2014. We will continue to promote discussion and cooperation among industry partners and colleagues in the Middle East and globally for the advancement of our industry.”

“IPTC keeps the oil and gas community informed of the industry’s latest developments,” said Andrew P. Swiger, senior vice president of Exxon Mobil Corporation and IPTC co-host. “We look forward to assembling in Qatar with oil and gas professionals from all parts of the world to discuss challenges and opportunities in the industry.”

In addition to the official start of the Call for Papers, the IPTC executive committee has also announced the range of supporting events and initiatives that will take place throughout the week of the conference. These include Education Week, the International Young Professionals Competition, Science Teachers Workshop, Technical Workshops and Training Courses, the

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Excellence in Project Integration Awards, and the exhibition which will feature 10 country pavilions and over 150 companies from around the globe.

QP and ExxonMobil will have exhibition booths at the event and these will showcase their respective capabilities in the important areas of operational excellence, innovative technologies, social responsibility, and energy efficiency. The 10,000m<sup>2</sup> exhibition area at the Qatar National Convention Centre (QNCC) represents an increase of around 250% from the last IPTC in Doha, which was held in 2009.

### **About IPTC**

IPTC Board of Directors Chairman, Mahmoud M. Abdulbaqi, said “Founded in 2005, the International Petroleum Technology Conference (IPTC) is the flagship multi-disciplinary technical event in the Eastern Hemisphere. IPTC is held annually and rotates between Doha, Qatar and venues in the Asia Pacific region. The scope of the conference programme and associated industry activities will address technology and relevant industry issues that challenge industry specialists and management around the world.”

IPTC is sponsored by four industry organisations and societies, the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG); the European Association of Geoscientists and Engineers (EAGE); the Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG); and the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE). The synergy of these four leading, individual-member driven societies provides the most comprehensive opportunity to form multi-disciplinary committees and an outstanding technical programme.

IPTC is focused on the dissemination of new and current technology, best practices and multi-disciplinary activities designed to emphasize the importance of the value chain and maximising asset value. The knowledge, capabilities and strengths of the participating countries and the sponsoring societies global membership, over the spectrum of multi-disciplinary technologies, are central to the success of the conference and the corresponding exhibition.

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