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IPTC Offers Opportunity to Explore Qatar's Energy-Related Sites

RICHARDSON, Texas, USA (2 November 2005) – The first International Petroleum Technology Conference (IPTC), scheduled for 21-23 November in Doha, Qatar, offers opportunities to visit the heart of Qatar's natural gas industry with a special tour of Ras Laffan Industrial City, one of the world's fastest growing industrial export locations, and a separate geological field trip to the Qatar Arch.

IPTC is sponsored by four leading industry professional societies and offers a technical program with more than 250 presentations that brings together the perspectives of petroleum engineering, geology and geophysics.

As part of the conference, IPTC attendees can visit Ras Laffan Industrial City and Qatar Arch in separate tours that will be offered on Sunday, 20 November, and again on Thursday, 24 November.

One of the fastest growing industrial cities, Ras Laffan Industrial City features one of the world's leading export facilities of natural gas and related products. Situated on the northwest coast of Qatar and covering a total area of 106 square km, the city is expected to expand to nearly 400 square km by 2010. A tour of the entire industrial city will be led by RasGas staff, and includes visits to Ras Laffan Port, RasGas Company and Qatar Liquefied Gas Company.

A geological field trip will explore the Qatar Arch, a north-northeast trending, and broad anticline extending from the Arabian Peninsula. Participants will traverse the Qatar Arch along Salwa Road, examining karst features at the crest, evidence for faulting and western limb structural development, and stratigraphic features of the Dam Formation. Discussions will centre on timing of structural development and karst, sedimentary interaction of sea level and uplift, and analogs to some Qatar oil field reservoirs. Stops on this trip include karst topography and expression, cave entrance and exploration, Salwa overlook Qatar uplift, chalk reservoir analogue, and gypsum dissolution and withdrawal.

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The International Petroleum Technology Conference (IPTC) is a combined effort of four industry societies, American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG), European Association of Geoscientists & Engineers (EAGE), Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG) and the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE). IPTC is set to attract influential industry leaders, professionals and decision makers from around the world. IPTC will become one of the most significant and comprehensive gas and oil conference and exhibitions in the Eastern Hemisphere, drawing attendees from Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Russia, Asia Pacific, the United States and beyond. For more information about IPTC, visit <http://www.iptcnet.org/index.html>.

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