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His Excellency Abdullah Bin Hamad Al-Attiyah officially opens Offshore Middle East

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Offshore Middle East 2010, the region's premier conference and exhibition for the offshore oil and gas exploration & production industries, got off to a flying start on its first day with more than 1250 visitors and delegates from over 35 countries.

The official opening ceremony was conducted by His Excellency Abdullah Bin Hamad Al-Attiyah, Deputy Premier and Minister of Energy & Industry, attracted a capacity audience with standing room only.

During his address His Excellency confirmed that Doha would continue to support future Offshore Middle East events, run by PennWell Petroleum Group. This news was enthusiastically received by Mubarak A. Al-Hajri, Offshore Operations Manager, Qatar Petroleum stated he was delighted to see Offshore Middle East back in Doha this year and hoped that Doha would be the permanent venue for this conference & exhibition in future.

Eldon Ball, Conference Director US Offshore Group, PennWell Petroleum Group, added, *"We at PennWell are delighted to have been invited to stage the event in Qatar again this year. Qatar has many outstanding attributes that make it an ideal location for the Offshore Middle East conference and exhibition. It is recognized for its economic strength and stability, its leading role in the oil and gas industry, and its desire to innovate and adopt new and better technology."*



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Over the 3 days, Offshore Middle East will deliver a high quality conference program with over 25 leading speakers including presentations from Qatar Petroleum, Qatar Shell, Maersk Oil, Total and many more.

Offshore Middle East delivers exciting business and networking opportunities at an all engaging experience, where you can discover the latest products, technologies and important issues that face today's offshore oil and gas industry.

For further information on Offshore Middle East Conference & Exhibition 2010 and how to register for the conference visit www.offshoremiddleeast.com.

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