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Offshore Middle East adds New Gas Industry Operations Track

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11th May 2011, Offshore Middle East Conference has announced the inclusion of a Gas Industry Operations track to its technical program for the upcoming 2013 event, to be held at the Qatar National Convention Centre, Doha, on 21-23 January 2013.

The 4th annual Offshore Middle East will include sessions relevant to all aspects of natural gas and gas liquids as part of this technical track, parallel with the upstream and exploration emphasis, seen at previous Offshore Middle East events.

The natural gas, LNG, and gas liquids track will focus on developments, issues, and technologies that revolve around the offshore production of natural gas in the Arabian Gulf, as well as gas market growth among all the countries with a Gulf shoreline.

The most highly visible of these developments has been Qatar's emergence as the world's largest producer and exporter of LNG; other Gulf countries are also beginning to develop major natural gas resources in the Gulf. Natural gas from offshore fields underpins the growing petrochemical and chemical industries at Mesaieed City, south of Doha, with floating LNG regasification being installed within Kuwait and Abu Dhabi, whilst also being considered for Bahrain.

Qatar is also home to the 34,000 b/d Oryx GTL project and, in March 2011, took a major step in the gas-to-liquids arena as the first gas earmarked for the country's 120,000-b/d Pearl GTL project began flowing to the plant at Ras Laffan, north of Doha. All of these facts, and many more, point towards the growing need for a Gas Industry Operations track at Offshore Middle East 2013.

The inclusion of this additional Gas Industry Operations track provides opportunities for those interested in this expanding and flourishing market to attend and be part of the Offshore Middle East Conference, offering further technical information on the gas and gas liquids market in the Gulf region.

Offshore Middle East Conference & Exhibition 2010 attracted over 1700 attendees from more than 38 countries, and included a comprehensive conference program, exhibition and a technical plant tour. The 4th edition in 2013 will build upon these impressive statistics and continue to provide innovation, technology, new enterprises and partnerships, whilst the event will enable local and international companies to explore first-hand, opportunities for future investment in the oil and gas market plus the latest technology and expertise from around the world.

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Offshore Middle East 2013 will gather over 35 speakers from leading organizations around the world expected to present the very latest knowledge and technology within the oil & gas exploration and production industry,

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