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OSEA2008 – The key springboard to Asia Pacific

Exhibition attracts UK companies aiming to reach out to market leaders in the region

SINGAPORE, December 1, 2008 – OSEA, Asia's largest oil and gas exhibition and conference, will see a record of over 1,300 companies from 49 countries exhibiting this year, boasting a 36 per cent increase from its last show in 2006. The biennial four-day event will see market leaders from Singapore and overseas including Dockwise, Fluor Offshore Solutions, FUGRO, Halliburton, Keppel FELS, Siemens AG, Swiber, Yantai Raffles Shipyard and many more.

Established in 1976, this year's exhibition is its biggest ever, with an 80 per cent increase in exhibition space compared to 2006. The show will occupy 21,600 square metres at Suntec Singapore from 2 - 5 December.

Drawn to the growing Asian oil and gas industry, the Energy Industries Council (EIC) - the trade association which represents UK companies that supply capital goods and services to the energy industries world-wide – will host the largest group pavilion at OSEA2008 with a total of 45 exhibitors. Aside from the UK pavilion, other UK companies will also be exhibiting at the show independently.

As new deepwater activity emerges in the Asia Pacific, there has been a strong demand for UK companies to attend OSEA. In its five-year forecast from 2008 to 2012, energy analysts Infield Systems forecasts a rapid growth and development in Asia (India, Southeast Asia and East Asia), with \$69.5 billion expected to be invested in the region – a 95 per cent increase from the previous five years.

Renowned for their technical innovation, the companies at the UK pavilion will cover all areas of the upstream supply chain from piping and industrial devices to drilling, flow assurance and health and safety, providing the latest technology solutions to help maximise returns from Asia's oil and gas fields.

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“The EIC strongly believes that UK companies are ideally placed to meet the challenges of the oil and gas industry through the very best in upstream, midstream and downstream technologies and in providing training, HSE (Health, Safety and the Environment), financial, legal and other services. We are all looking forward to generating a high level of new business opportunities as well as strengthening existing relationships at OSEA2008. The EIC is delighted to have organised the UK pavilion at this successful exhibition”, says EIC’s Chief Executive, Mike Major.

Aside from the UK, other group pavilions, government agencies, national oil companies (NOCs) and international oil companies (IOCs) will also be present at OSEA. Group pavilions include Australia, China, Germany, Italy, Norway, Scotland and U.S.A while government agencies, NOCs and IOCs will see Singapore, Indonesia, Russia, Philippines, Thailand and Timor-Leste representation. Making its debut at OSEA2008 is the world’s largest extractor of natural gas, Russia’s Gazprom.

“Singapore is a major hub for the oil and gas industry and its vibrancy is enhanced by the networking and knowledge exchange which takes place during OSEA,” said Mr Sia Kheng Yok, Director for Transport Engineering, Singapore Economic Development Board. “OSEA adds another dimension to the business environment – including talent base and infrastructure – which Singapore has cultivated over the years for the oil and gas industry.”

The OSEA2008 International Conference will also see a global participation, featuring more than 45 industry gurus addressing the pertinent issues in three main topics: Exploration, Production and Gas Technology and Recovery. High profile executives from Aker Operations AS, CompactGTL, Douglas-Westwood Limited, Ebara International Corp, Energyfiles, GeoMechanics International, Halliburton Asia Pacific, Indonesia’s Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources, Philippine National Oil Company, PT Medco E&P, SeaBird Exploration, Technip and Total S.A. will be present to share their expert knowledge of the oil and gas industry.

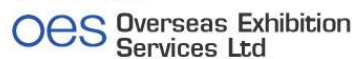
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Show At A Glance

Show: OSEA2008
The 17th International Oil & Gas Industry Exhibition & Conference
(since 1976)
Date: 2 - 5 December 2008
Venue: Suntec Singapore
Opening Hours: 10.30am to 6pm
Admission: Business and trade professionals only

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