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New date for Iraq Energy EXPO and Conference, Baghdad, Iraq, December 5th, 2008

Iraq Energy EXPO and Conference initially scheduled for October 17th – 19th is now scheduled for December 5th – 7th, 2008 due to delays in completing the venue site.

Baghdad, September 5, 2008, the first ever Iraq oil and gas show which was initially scheduled to open on October 17th, is being postponed because of delays in completing construction on the new Baghdad International Airport Convention Center.

Iraqi American Chamber of Commerce and Industry the organizer of the event, unfortunately had to postpone the event for reasons beyond their control, "the progress we have made so far is fantastic by any standard and many international companies have already registered to exhibit or attend the event, and therefore we are certain that the new date will not cause any cancellations. International oil companies want to be on the ground floor opportunities for Iraq oil and gas business and they are ready to accommodate the new schedule because they understand the circumstances Iraq is going through and any inconvenience this delay might have caused is more than compensated for by the chance to be present at this historic event" stated Raad Ommar, CEO, IACCI

"I am pleased by the record number of companies participating in the first Iraq Energy EXPO and Conference and we hope that they understand these technical problems beyond our control and stay focused on attending and participating in the event" stated H.E. Dr. Hussain Al-Shahristani, Minister of Oil,

"we have over fifty companies signed up so far and many more will be in the next thirty days, our sponsorship area is completely booked" stated Ms. Sahar Alallaq, Expo Manager

"The conference section is building up very well, all Iraqi Oil Ministry DG's and other technical and contracts officials within the MoO will participate" stated Mr. Maury Bond, Business Development Manager

"We are ready to accommodate all visitors to the BIAP area, our ministry is ready to perform" stated Mr. Bankin A. Rekani, Senior Deputy Minister, and Ministry of Transportation

"Iraqi Airways is ready and we are adding more routes and planes to our fleet and we look forward to all international visitors to visit us at BIAP" stated Mr. Kifah H. Jabar, DG, IA

" with great anticipation and thanks to all the efforts IACCI has put into making this event successful, the ministry of oil has many projects that require oil companies from around the world involvement, therefore the show is very timely indeed" stated Dr. Nazar Alhilali, PR Director General, Iraqi Ministry of Oil

"We have informed all fourteen Iraqi Oil companies of the event and asked them to prepare themselves to present their future projects to share with the exhibiting oil companies to take advantage of this unique opportunity" stated Dr. Hasib Alsader , PR Director of Minister's Office

"South Oil Company is ready to participate in the event, we will be present in force and take advantage of this chance to see so many oil companies that want to work in Iraq" stated Mr. Kifah Kamel Numan, Director General, South Oil Company

"My job as manager of BIAP BC, is to support all international visitors with logistics as they arrive into BAIP, our staff is some of the best professional Iraqi's around" stated Majid Michal, BIAP BC Manager

"The Coalition Forces realizes the importance of the Iraq Oil EXPO and the implications the EXPO has on the local economy. An Oil EXPO located at BIAP represents Iraq's open arms to foreign investors, BIAP is returning to international accreditation as an airport, and that Baghdad is reclaiming its glory of yesteryear" stated Charles A. Gensemer, LTC, USA

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