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Under the Patronage and the presence of H.E Mohamed bin Dha'en Al Hamili, UAE Minister of Energy, and the presence of Prince Dr. Bandar Bin Salman Al Saoud, Counselor for HIS MAJESTY KING of Saudi Arabia. Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC), in cooperation with the "Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN)" are organizing an international conference on the 13th and 14th November 2006 at the Dubai Chamber of Commerce & Industry entitled:

"Dispute Resolution in International Oil & Gas Contracts"

This international conference will bring highly esteemed industry experts and arbitrators from all over the world to examine dispute resolution procedures in international oil and gas contracts. It will provide an opportunity to develop a network of experts in the region for arbitration and mediation, in addition to providing a forum to discuss topical oil and gas subjects, any developments and in particular how to overcome obstacles for efficient and effective conflict settlement.



Our partner, the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN) is a non-profit organization founded in 1981 to enhance the professionalism of cross-border energy negotiators throughout the world. AIPN is now comprised of approximately 1900 members in over 80 countries, representing numerous international oil and gas companies, host governments, law firms and academic institutions. AIPN's members come from many different disciplines (commercial, technical, academic, and legal) and represent many different international and host government oil, gas and energy companies, and national and multilateral governmental authorities. Joining them in this conference will be a perfect way to develop new business opportunities and gain insight from their similar experiences.

We would like to extend our praise and gratitude to the Dubai Chamber of Commerce & Industry (DCCI) as hosts and to the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN) for their collaboration. This forum is the result of months of hard work and a team effort on the part of the above mentioned organizations.

On a final note, we sincerely hope this conference will serve your business needs in the region and we hope you will have a productive and enjoyable stay in Dubai.

Venue

Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Auditorium – 1st Floor
Baniyas Road, Deira, Dubai - UAE
www.dcci.ae

Who should attend?

- In house counsel of oil and gas companies
- Law firm counsel practicing in oil & gas
- Senior executive and management personnel of oil & gas companies
- Commercial, economic and technical personnel of oil & gas companies
- Senior personnel of energy ministries and national oil companies
- Arbitrators and mediators wanting to know about oil & gas disputes
- Advisors and consultants in the oil & gas business

Why attend?

- Gain insight from leading practitioners in the international oil & gas industry and arbitration world
- Network with senior personnel from the oil & gas industry
- Discover emerging trends in oil & gas disputes
- Learn how to best manage disputes in the oil & gas business



Language

English and Arabic (simultaneous translation)

Disabled Access

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We welcome your valued support and participation and look forward to seeing you on 13 - 14 November 2006.

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13 November 2006

Time	Topic	Speakers
8:30	Registration and Refreshment	
9:00	Opening Remarks	H.E. Mohamed bin Dha'en Al Hamili UAE Minister of Energy
		Prince Dr. Bandar Bin Salman Al Saoud Advisor of His Majesty King of KSA President of Saudi Arbitration Team
9:30 - 11:45	First Session Chair: Tim Martin Vice President, Nexen Inc. - Past President, AIPN - Calgary, Alberta, Canada	
9:30	History of International Oil & Gas Disputes	Doak Bishop Partner, King & Spalding Houston, Texas, USA
		Professor Thomas Walde Centre for Energy, Petroleum and Mineral Law and Policy University of Dundee, Scotland, UK
10:15	Perspectives on Choice of Law, Venue, Arbitral Institutions and Ad Hoc Arbitration in the Middle East Oil & Gas Industry	Peter Rees Partner, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP London, UK
		Sami Huerbi Director of ICC Dispute Resolution Services for Middle East & Africa Tunis, Tunisia
		Dr. Hussam Talhuni Director, Dubai International Arbitration Centre Dubai, UAE
		James Loftis Partner, Vinson & Elkins London, UK
11:45	Break	
12:15 - 13:15	Second Session Chair: Dr. Habib Al Mulla Vice-Chairman of DIAC Board of Trustees - Managing Partner, Habib Al Mulla & Company - Dubai, UAE	
12:15	Drafting & Negotiating Dispute Resolution Provisions in Oil & Gas Agreements	John Bowman Partner, Fulbright & Jaworski Houston, Texas, USA
		Tim Martin Vice President, Nexen Inc. Calgary, Alberta, Canada
13:15	Lunch at Sheraton Dubai Creek Hotel & Towers	
15:15 - 16:15	Third Session Chair: Dr. Jacques Werner - Principal, Werner & Associates - Geneva, Switzerland DIAC Board of Trustees Member	
15:15 - 16:15	Flashpoints for Conflict in Oil & Gas Agreements: Host Government Contracts, Joint Ventures, Confidentiality, Bidding, Consultant, Lifting, Sales, Transportation, LNG, Construction, Service	Andrew Berkeley Arbitrator London, UK
		Elizabeth Tout Partner, Denton Wilde Sapte London, UK
16:15 - 17:15	Fourth Session Chair: Sultan Al-Abdulla Director, Law Offices of Al-Abdulla Advocates - Doha, Qatar	
	Environmental & Decommissioning Disputes in the Oil & Gas Industry	Doak Bishop Partner, King & Spalding Houston, Texas, USA
		Tim Martin Vice President, Nexen Inc. Calgary, Alberta, Canada
17:15	End of First Day	
20:00	Networking Dinner - Park Hyatt Hotel - Dubai, UAE Sponsor: Dubai Natural Gas Company Limited.	



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Time	Topic	Speakers
9:00–11:00	First Session Chair: Michael Schneider - Partner, Lalive - Geneva, Switzerland DIAC Board of Trustees Member	
9:00	Stabilization and Adaptation in Oil & Gas Investments	<p>John Bowman Partner, Fulbright & Jaworski Houston, Texas, USA</p> <p>Professor Piero Bernardini Of Counsel, Ughi e Nunziante Former General Counsel, ENI Rome, Italy</p>
10:00	Investment Treaties (ICSID, Energy Charter, BIT's) and National Laws	<p>Professor Thomas Walde Centre for Energy, Petroleum and Mineral Law and Policy University of Dundee, Scotland, UK</p> <p>Stuart Newberger Partner, Crowell and Moring Washington, DC, USA</p>
11:00	Break	
11:30 –13:45	Second Session Chair: Dr. Ibrahim Ahmed Ibrahim - Professor, Ain Shams University - Dubai, UAE DIAC Board of Trustees Member	
11:30	Unique Issues in Oil & Gas Disputes: Injunction, Multiparty, Specific Performance, Forfeiture, Arbitrability	<p>David Haigh Partner, Burnet, Duckworth & Palmer LLP Calgary, Alberta, Canada</p> <p>David Mildon QC Barrister & leading counsel, Essex Court Chambers London, England, UK</p>
12:30	Boundary Disputes & Joint Development Zones in the Middle East	<p>Derek Smith Partner, LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae Washington, DC, USA</p> <p>Dr. Pieter Bekker Counsel, White & Case New York, NY, USA</p>
13:30 - 13:45	Closing Remarks Conference Ends	<p>Tim Martin Past President, AIPN</p>

