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**Ziff Energy Finalizes Speaker Roster for 5<sup>th</sup> Operations Excellence Conference**

Ziff Energy, the worldwide leading consultancy for upstream performance benchmarking, has finalized the Speaker Roster for the 5<sup>th</sup> *International Operations Excellence Conference* on **February 29 – March 1, 2012 in Houston.**

The program is designed for Operations Executives and Managers whose success depends on achieving Operations Excellence in the production of oil & gas. Attendees will learn from 25<sup>+</sup> internationally diverse industry leaders who will share their experiences, case studies and best practices. Speakers have been carefully selected by Ziff Energy to represent operators that have displayed excellence and leadership with various types of oil and gas operations, including: onshore and offshore; normal and enhanced recovery; and mature conventional and new unconventional.

With 25+ speakers, a wide variety of topics related to Operations Excellence will be covered. This year's confirmed speakers (like the attendees) will represent a *wide diversity of companies and countries* --- Majors & Super-Majors, Domestic & International Independents, and National Oil Companies, including:

**Day 1: Industry Issues in Operations Excellence**

**A. Executive Viewpoint: Perspectives on Excellence**

- Glenn Schaaf, VP, Drilling & Production, ConocoPhillips
- Eric Marsh, SVP, USA Division, Encana
- Nicholas Cavaye, Operations Integrity Manager, OMV E&P

**B. Maintenance & Integrity Management**

- Pat O'Quinn, Production Efficiency Improvement Team Leader, BP Azerbaijan
- Sam Correll, Engineering & Reliability Manager, Santos Australia
- Paul Kefford, Asset Integrity Manager, Chevron UK
- Michael Bast, Manager, Global Productions Excellence, Hess
- Federico Caldora, VP, Operations, Pan American - Argentina
- Greg Washington, Upstream Production Performance Lead, Shell Norway

**Day 2: Case Studies in Operations Excellence: Challenges Overcome & Best Practices**

(2 simultaneous sessions)

**A. Onshore Oil & Gas: New Developments in Unconventional Gas & Oil & Mature Oil/EOR**

- Fernando Aguilar, President & COO, Calfrac
- Michael Chambers, VP, Operations, EXCO Resources
- Darren Gee, President & CEO, Peyto

- Brian Matusek, VP, Business Development CAMSHALE Services, Cameron
- Rick Muncrief, SVP, Operations, Continental Resources
- Lanny Schoeling, VP, Engineering & Technical Development, Kinder-Morgan
- Luis Andres Rojas, SVP, Production Pacific Rubiales, Colombia
- Dave Szabo, VP, Reservoir Management & Reserves, TNK-BP Russia
- Gary Enk, Manager, Production Operations, Tengizchevroil

**B. Big Offshore Oil & Gas Fields: Deepwater, Shelf/LNG Projects**

- Gary Mitchell, General Manager, Operations, Anadarko
- Oladipo Oke, Deepwater Operations Manager, Chevron Nigeria
- Ken Hampshire, Manager, Azurite Field Development, Murphy Congo
- Joao Luiz Moreira Ribeiro, Corporate Maintenance & Engineering Manager, Petrobras
- Chris Smith, Operations Manager – Perdido, Shell Americas
- Sheldon Plahn, Engineering Manager, Apache UK
- Adam Prince, Operations Business Delivery Unit Manager, BG UK
- Ricardo Juiniti, General Operations Manager, OGX Brazil
- Kevin Hurst, Operations Manager, GOM Production, Stone Energy.

The following map illustrates the worldwide diversity of our confirmed speakers (to-date) for this conference, who are coming from 5 continents.



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