



## **International Regulators' Forum**

### **GLOBAL OFFSHORE SAFETY**

#### **Advance Announcement:**

#### **IRF Summit Conference in Stavanger on 4 and 5 October 2011**

**In the wake of the recent disasters that have struck the offshore petroleum industry, the International Regulators' Forum (IRF) will be organising an extraordinary safety Summit Conference in Stavanger on 4 and 5 October, hosted by the Petroleum Safety Authority Norway (PSA).**

The disasters which struck the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig/Macondo oil well in the Mexican Gulf in the spring of 2010, and the West Atlas rig/Montara oil field in the Timor Sea in August 2009, have caused a paradigm shift in attitudes and requirements relating to safety and environmental protection in offshore petroleum activities.

Consequently, a range of work is being conducted nationally, regionally and internationally to establish and promote the highest safety and environmental standards within this global industry. IRF, which comprises the key national offshore safety authorities across the world, is anxious to provide a conference for all global/regional bodies, offshore operators, contractors and workforce representatives to share the outcomes of all the post-Macondo work, and to take this work forward in a coordinated manner.

In addition to presentations from the key players in the various safety, environmental and political work streams following on from Deepwater Horizon, the Summit will provide an opportunity to identify what more needs to be done to take forward and coordinate this crucial agenda. The conference will also hear about the work that IRF is taking forward on its five areas of offshore safety priority:

- Safety culture and leadership,
- BOP integrity and well control operational issues,
- Use of standards and industry best practice
- Further development of performance indicators for measuring the member countries' health, safety and environment performance,
- Establishment of necessary criteria for the members' acceptance of companies' competency and capacity,

#### **About the IRF conference in Stavanger**

On behalf of the IRF, the PSA will be responsible for the practical organisation of the conference, which will be held in Stavanger Hall at the city's best and most modern conference hotel – the Clarion Hotel, Stavanger on 4 and 5 October. A welcome evening for all participants will also be organised on Monday 3 October.

A programme committee is currently preparing a detailed conference programme. A separate web site will shortly be created for the conference, and this will contain information about the programme, as well as information about registration, accommodation, etc.

On behalf of the IRF, the PSA would hereby like to invite representatives from management and employees in petroleum, contracting and service companies – as well as representatives from national, regional and international interest groups such as the IADC and OGP – to this crucial Summit Conference.

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