

## Press Release

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### Sonatrach Invests in Infrastructure Projects to Welcome LNG 16

In preparation for the LNG 16 Conference and Exhibition to be held from the 18-21 April 2010, Sonatrach has undertaken a number of major infrastructure projects including the construction of the state of the art Oran Convention Centre, a 5 star hotel and a dedicated airport terminal with easy access the new venue from the city.

The construction of the new Convention Centre is due to be completed at the end of the year. The venue is being built by the company OHL (Obrascom Huarte Lain) who also constructed the stadiums of Real Madrid and FC Barcelona and the International Convention Center in Barcelona (CCIB) where LNG 15 took place. The Convention Centre located on a headland overlooking the Mediterranean Sea and the city has been designed to accommodate the needs of LNG 16 and includes a 3,000 seat auditorium, breakout and meeting rooms and a 20,000 square meter exhibition hall. Near the venue, the construction of a 5 star hotel is also underway. Le Meridien boasts 242 rooms, 29 suites, a presidential suite and a swimming pool.

Travel to LNG 16 will be facilitated by construction of a new airport terminal by French company EGIS / AVIA will be built at the International Airport Es-Senia. The terminal, will not only house modern equipment and facilities, but will also benefit from the construction of a new road providing all passengers with an effortless and comfortable journey to the city.

A joint initiative by Sonatrach Downstream and ENGOA (L'Entreprise Nationale des Grands Ouvrages d'Art) to carry out the construction of an underpass located outside Le Méridien will give easy access to the venue.

LNG 16 will be the culmination of six years of planning since Algeria was elected to host it at LNG14 in March 2004 in Doha. The LNG Conference & Exhibition attracts more than 2,000 delegates and 100 exhibitors. It is the most important event in the LNG industry calendar and following the success of previous conferences, Seoul (Korea) 2001, Doha (Qatar) 2004 and Barcelona (Spain) 2007, LNG 16 is an event not to be missed.

**Ends.**



**Notes:**

LNG16  
18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> April 2010  
Oran Convention Centre  
Oran, Algeria

[www.lng16.org](http://www.lng16.org)

The LNG event was first held in 1968 in Chicago, USA. The first four editions were biennial events but LNG has been held every three years since 1974. The latest LNG event (the 15<sup>th</sup> edition) was held in 2007 in Barcelona. LNG17 will be held in 2013 in Houston, Texas, USA.

The Official Sponsors of the LNG Conference are:

IGU: International Gas Union

IIR: International Institute of Refrigeration

GTI: Gas Technology Institute

LNG 16 Partners:

AIG(Algerian Gas  
Association)

BG

ENI

JGC

KBR

Itochu

MEM (Ministry of Energy  
and Mines)

Hyproc Shipping Company

Repsol Ypf

Sonatrach

Statoil Hydro

Shell plc

Total

GDF SUEZ

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LNG16 Conference - appointed organiser:

ITE Group plc

LNG16 Exhibition - appointed organiser:

Exhibitions and Trade Fairs (ETF)

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