

Press Release

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Algeria to Increase Gas Exports to Europe

Algeria, the European Union's third biggest foreign gas supplier, will raise its gas exports to the region from 60bcm per year to around 85bcm per year by 2012*. Currently, Algeria provides 20% of Europe's gas energy needs and is undertaking several projects to increase this over the next three years and meet the rise in demand thereby strengthening its position as one of the largest exporters of lng in the world.

Sonatrach's long-term plan to increase gas exports will be one of the topics discussed during the LNG 16 Conference which will take place from the 18-21 April 2010 in Oran, Algeria. The Program Committee made up of more than 30 industry representatives has already announced its Call for Papers inviting all LNG professionals to submit their abstracts before the deadline of the 30th of June.

The LNG Conference held every three years is the largest event dedicated to the LNG industry attracting more than 2,000 delegates. Organised by the International Gas Union (IGU), the Gas Technology Institute (GTI) and the International Institute of Refrigeration (IIR), it has already gained significant global support with confirmed sponsorship from BakerBotts, BP, Chevron, Itochu, KBR, Rasgas, Repsol, Shell, Total and Yemen LNG.

With less than a year before the opening of the event, preparations are well underway to complete construction of the state of the art Oran Convention Centre which includes a 3000 seat auditorium and a 20,000m² exhibition hall.

Travel to the event will be facilitated by charter flights from Paris, London and the Middle East, as well as a more frequent schedule of flights between Oran and Algiers. Furthermore, two cruise ships have been contracted to provide luxury accommodation alongside exciting facilities.

The conference program will cover the entire LNG chain and look at the challenges, trends and main developments in the industry. LNG 16 will offer all participants exceptional networking opportunities and the chance to meet key decision makers face-to-face.

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Notes:

LNG16
18th to 21st April 2010
Oran Convention Centre
Oran, Algeria

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 15th 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

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Statoil Hydro

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LNG16 Conference - appointed organiser:
ITE Group plc

LNG16 Exhibition - appointed organiser:
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