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## 22<sup>nd</sup> World Petroleum Congress Venue Change

Dear WPC Members and Participants

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of some important developments regarding the 22<sup>nd</sup> World Petroleum Congress in Istanbul. We recently had the honour of coming under the auspices of the President of Turkey because of his and his Ministries great interest in our Congress. On recent Presidential trips, the Turkish President has invited many Heads of State and Energy Ministers to the Congress. This has resulted in unprecedented global interest. As a result, we will have a significant number of Heads of State at our Congress. In addition, we will have many more ministers than usual. Consequently, the Presidential Office has told us to move venues to minimise disruption to the city and to our delegates. This will significantly upgrade our Congress but will also create some major logistical challenges.

We will be moving the Congress venue to the Congress Valley (including the Istanbul Congress Centre ICC and Lutfi Kirdar International Convention & Exhibition Centre ICEC). These purpose-built convention centres have ample modern and safe facilities for the Congress and offer delegates access to the heart of the cultural centre of Istanbul. The exhibition will also have to move to this site. This is more of a challenge. The team is currently working on this and will be talking individually to everyone that is affected. We will be able to accommodate the World Petroleum Exhibition and the Global Business Opportunity Centre and will work closely with the organisers and government to ensure a smooth transition.

This also means that our headquarters' hotel will now be changed. Anyone that has booked hotels already, will be moved to equivalent or better hotels by our Turkish Team at no cost to the delegate. Anybody in the Headquarters Hotel will be moved to the new Headquarters Hotel. Everyone affected will be contacted. If people have booked their own hotels outside the official system please contact the organisers for advice. We will now have over seventy-five 4-5-star hotels with over five thousand rooms, within walking distance of the Congress Venue, offering a better visitor experience.

We look forward to seeing you all in July for what will surely be a Congress to remember.

With best regards,

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