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Ernesto Lopez Anadón,

PRESIDENT OF THE IGU

Dear Colleagues interested in the future of the gas industry,

“More than ever, the global gas industry should again undertake the past investment trend in research and development (R&D) if it wishes to fulfill what, in terms of energy and environment, the world is expecting from us: a contribution to the security of supply, the improvement of the overall energy system efficiency, and to the decrease of greenhouse gases emissions.”

IGRC 2008 offers a unique opportunity to assess what are today's industry objectives and how much effort is directed to the R&D activities. It will also provide the opportunity to interact with colleagues who will be presenting ideas that might provide the cutting-edge in technology in the near future.

We are expecting over **500 delegates** who will attend and actively participate in the **45 oral presentations** that will be developed through **12 sessions**, and to more than **300 poster presentations** and **4 workshops** especially prepared.

In addition, 3 Keynote speakers will address the audience on issues related to the industry trends particularly in R&D, while a roundtable composed by CEOs* will enable participants to visualize how companies and leaders envision R&D and its relation to the gas business.

This is why from the International Gas Union I have the pleasure to invite you to join us in this industry-relevant conference which will take place in Paris, from the 8-10 October this year. I am certain that your presence and experience will be a key contribution to this important event.

I look forward to meeting you in Paris

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**The CEOs roundtable will be moderated by Bob Catell, Chairman of National Grid (US), with the participation of Gérard Mestrallet, Chairman and CEO of GDF SUEZ, Bernhard Reutersberg, Chairman of the Board Management of E.ON Ruhrgas AG, Mark Dodson, CEO of Northwest Natural and Tadaaki Maeda, Executive VP, Tokyo Gas.*

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The IGRC is delighted that well known executives from different parts of the industry will contribute with three keynote speeches:

■ Wednesday 8 October

Mrs. Vlada V. Rusakova, Member of the Management Committee of OAO Gazprom and Head of the Department for Strategic Development Department will speak on 'Improving R&D Management'.

■ Thursday 9 October

Mr. Nobuo Tanaka, since September 2007 responsible for the International Energy Agency as its Executive Director, will give an overview of the latest insights in the 'Outlook for natural gas Markets'.

■ Friday 10 October

Mr. Olivier Appert, Chairman of the French Institute of Petroleum (IFP- Institut Français du Pétrole) will elaborate on 'The future of natural gas in the global energy context'.

48 speakers have accepted the invitation to give an oral presentation in the conference on subjects that are published on the IGRC2008 website: www.igrc2008.com.

For the conference **293 papers** have been accepted for poster presentations in the following categories:

▶ Distribution	53
▶ Exploration and production	22
▶ LNG	18
▶ Storage	8
▶ Strategy Economics and Regulation	16
▶ Sustainable Development	26
▶ Transmission	62
▶ Utilisation	88

Moreover key highly promising innovations for the gas industry will be exhibited on 38 stands.

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