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## **Press Release of the International Gas Union(IGU):**

### **IGU Presidency 2009 - 2012: Russia or Malaysia?**

Two of the most important Gas nations in the world are applying for taking over the Presidency of International Gas Union (IGU) for the Triennium 2009 – 2012. They are:

- GAZPROM, the Charter Member of IGU from the Russian Federation, who as candidate for the position as IGU President has proposed Mr. Alexey B. Miller, Chairman of the Management Committee and Vice-Chairman of the Council of Directors of JSC Gazprom, and
- The Malaysian Gas Association, the Malaysian Charter Member of IGU supported by the national company PETRONAS. As candidate for the position as IGU President they propose Datuk Abdul Rahim Hj. Hashim, President of the Malaysian Gas Association and Vice President of Gas Business, Petronas.

The IGU Presidency presides in a three year period, and currently the Presidency is held by the Netherlands with Mr. George H.B. Verberg as President. The Dutch Presidency will culminate next year with the 23<sup>rd</sup> World Gas Conference in Amsterdam on 5-9 June 2006, which also constitutes the end of the Dutch Triennium.

In the Triennium 2006 – 2009 IGU will be presided by Argentina with Mr. Ernesto Anadón as the IGU President, which means that the 24<sup>th</sup> World Gas Conference will take place in Buenos Aires in 2009.

The two applications were presented at the IGU Executive Committee meeting in Warsaw, Poland last week hosted by the Polish Charter member, The Polish Gas Association (PZITS),

The Executive Committee accepted the applications and will subsequently pass it on to the IGU Council, the highest authority of IGU at its ordinary meeting in Tianjin City, Peoples Republic of China in October this year. Here the Council will decide which of the two candidates shall be awarded the IGU Presidency 2009 – 2012.

The World Gas Conferences, taking place every three years, are the biggest and most important and prestigious event of IGU, assembling a large number of top echelon leaders and specialists from the Gas Industry.

The latest World Gas Conferences have assembled more than 5000 attendants and featured a huge exhibition of the gas industry.



Next year's conference in Amsterdam promises to be of at least the same size and importance, and depending on the outcome of the decision of the Council the 25<sup>th</sup> World Gas Conference in 2012 will take place in either Moscow or Kuala Lumpur.

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International Gas Union (IGU) is a global non-commercial, non-political and non-governmental organisation.

Established in 1931 with the purpose to promote the technical and economic progress of the gas industry, it now has 84 members from 67 countries all over the world.

IGU members are generally the most representative gas organisations or companies of a country, which may encompass producers, transporters, distributors, technological and scientific institutes.

IGU is registered in Vevey, Switzerland with the Secretariat located in Denmark hosted by the National Danish Energy Company, DONG A/S.