



PACIFIC ENERGY SUMMIT

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****MEDIA ALERT****

International Industry, Policy, and Thought Leaders Convene in Jakarta to Address Regional Energy and Climate Change Challenges

2011 Pacific Energy Summit Gathers Decision-Makers to Explore the Prospects of Natural Gas as a Low-Carbon Alternative to Fuel the Asia-Pacific's Rapidly Escalating Energy Demand

The Asia-Pacific is the world's most dynamic economic region, driving a rapid expansion in global energy demand. This unprecedented growth, coupled with heavy regional reliance on coal for power supplies, has led to surging greenhouse gas emissions and environmental concerns.

The 2011 Pacific Energy Summit brings together key regional experts, industry executives, and policy leaders to promote market-driven policies that address the twin challenges of rising energy demand and global climate change. This year's Pacific Energy Summit theme, "Unlocking the Potential of Natural Gas in the Asia-Pacific," focuses on the prospects for natural gas—an increasingly abundant, low-emission fossil fuel—to accelerate the transition to a low-carbon economy, while supporting continued economic growth.

"The breadth of economic, energy and climate security challenges we face today require unprecedented cooperation and collaboration across many countries and regions, the energy industry and among research institutions," said **Mikkal Herberg**, Research Director, Energy Security Program at the National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR), which hosts the Summit. "In convening high-level individuals to focus on the potential of natural gas, the Summit has a key role to play to help build momentum for greater economic, energy and climate security in the region."

WHAT: 2011 Pacific Energy Summit: "Unlocking the Potential of Natural Gas in the Asia-Pacific"

WHEN: February 21-23, 2011

WHO: Leading policymakers, industry executives, government leaders, and academic experts, including: **Dr. Rajendra Pachauri**, Director-General, The Energy and Resources Institute and Chair and 2007 Nobel Prize Recipient, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change; **Dr. Fatih Birol**, Chief Economist, International Energy Agency; **Dr. Evita Legowo**, Directorate General of Oil and Gas, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources, Indonesia; and **Sin Foong Wong**, Head of Oil, Gas, Mining, & Chemical Investments, East Asia & Pacific, IFC, World Bank Group

WHERE: Shangri-La Hotel, Jakarta, Indonesia

WHY: To build the momentum, confidence and resources needed to maximize the potential of natural gas as an abundant and cleaner-burning energy resource

Media are invited to attend. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. For more information, contact Jacqueline Koch at PES_media@nbr.org or by phone + 1.206.632.7370

About the Pacific Energy Summit

The Pacific Energy Summit launched in 2009 to foster economic and energy security in the Asia-Pacific by

developing practical solutions to the twin challenges of rising energy demand and global climate change. The Summit convenes a select group of high-level representatives from policy, industry, NGOs and academia to explore innovative technology and policy solutions in an interactive setting that follows a modified approach to the Chatham House Rule.

The Pacific Energy Summit is presented by the National Bureau of Asian Research. For more information, please visit www.nbr.org.

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