

NORWEGIAN CEOS CONFIRM OFFICIAL SUPPORT FOR WPC LEADERSHIP EVENT

Four Leading Norwegian Companies join to sign up for World Petroleum Council's First Sustainability event in Tromsø, Norway from 26 – 28 May 2015.

Organised by the World Petroleum Council, the first WPC Leadership Conference on Responsibility, Cooperation and Sustainability will take place in Tromsø, Norway from 26-28 May 2015. The CEOs of Statoil, DNV-GL, Norsk Industri and the Norwegian Shipowners' Association joined together to show their support for this crucial topic and signed a letter of support, inviting the global industry to join the initiative.

Eldar Sætre, Statoil's Acting President and CEO, Henrik O. Madsen, DNV-GL's Group President and CEO, Stein Lier-Hansen, CEO of Norsk Industri, and Sturla Henrikson, CEO of the Norwegian Shipowners' Association state in their letter to the industry, "We are convinced of the necessity and value of hosting such an event. As an industry, it will help us to provide sustainable energy solutions for our future. That is why we have committed to sponsoring this event and have formalised this support to the WPC."

Dr. József Tóth, President of the World Petroleum Council, welcomed the support and said, "The WPC Leadership Conference is a platform for stakeholders to set the stage for the future and to achieve sustainability by taking responsibility and working in close cooperation with others. I look forward to seeing you there."

Remi Eriksen, Group Executive Vice President and COO of DNV GL, and Chair of the Steering Committee said, "We are delighted to be working closely with the World Petroleum Council to deliver the WPC Leadership Conference, and we believe the strong local and industrial support we have in Norway will attract international participants, promote stakeholder cooperation and add value to this new and exciting event."

About 1,000 participants from the oil and gas industry are expected to discuss and demonstrate best available technology and practices in order to minimise impacts and risks to the people and environments where the industry operates around the world. The WPC Leadership Conference aims to highlight the industry's strategies in places such as the Arctic and other frontier areas, in order to contribute to raising standards across the sector.

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For more information: A website with further information and a full programme has been set up at www.wpcleadership.com

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