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World comes to Queensland for International Gas Symposium

International gas industry leaders are coming to Queensland to discuss opportunities and challenges for Australia as it enters a “golden age” of gas development.

Queensland Deputy Premier and Treasurer Andrew Fraser said today major players in the global Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) and energy markets will address the *Queensland International Gas Symposium* in Brisbane on 7-8 December 2011.

“In June, the International Energy Association’s 2011 World Energy Outlook report said Australia is entering a ‘golden age’ for gas development and could overtake Qatar as the world’s largest LNG supplier by 2020,” he said.

“Queensland already has \$45 billion worth of LNG projects under construction and is poised to become a global leader in producing and exporting LNG for the world.

“Queensland is currently the world’s largest coal exporter and our booming CSG-LNG industry presents a once in a generation opportunity for sustained investment, economic benefits and jobs.”

The *Queensland International Gas Symposium* will showcase global CSG to LNG opportunities and the key challenges facing the sector as countries around the world prepare for the transition to cleaner energy futures.

Delegates will have access to a selection of high-calibre international and Australian speakers with a vast working knowledge of the global and Australian CSG and LNG markets.

Confirmed international speakers include:

- Ian Cronshaw: International Energy Agency consultant and former head of the agency’s Gas, Coal and Power Markets division;
- Noel Tomnay: Head of Global Gas for world-leading energy industry research and consultancy firm, Wood Mackenzie;
- Kyel Hodenfield: Vice President, Unconventional Resources for Schlumberger Limited; world leading oil and gas industry services company;
- Al Hirshberg: Senior Vice President, Planning and Strategy, United States energy giant ConocoPhillips;
- Dick McIlhattan: Senior Vice President, General Manager LNG Global Business, Bechtel Oil Gas and Chemicals; global oil, petrochemical and LNG plant construction giant;
- Ken Mullen, President, Savanna Energy Services Corp, international drilling services company to the oil and gas industry.

Australian CSG-LNG industry leaders will also address the symposium including:

- Jim Knudsen, Senior Vice President, Queensland Gas Company;

- Mark McFarlane, President, Santos/GLNG;
- Page Maxson, CEO, Australia Pacific LNG;
- Andrew Faulkner, CEO, Arrow Energy.

Speakers will deliver presentations on a range of opportunities and challenges relating to the symposium's key themes: Demand and global market trends; Business and industry innovation; Encouraging investment; Environment and best practice regulation.

The two-day *Queensland International Gas Symposium* will be opened by Queensland Premier Anna Bligh MP on Wednesday, 7 December 2011.

Information about the symposium and delegate registration is available at: www.gas.business.qld.gov.au

NOTE: Resource writers planning to visit Brisbane and cover the *Queensland International Gas Symposium* should register their interest by emailing: MEmediaunit@deedi.qld.gov.au