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OIL AND GAS INVESTOR ACQUIRES COSCO PRIVATE CAPITAL FOR ENERGY FORUM AND PLANS TO EXPAND THE CONFERENCE

Houston, TX (January 16, 2008): ***Oil and Gas Investor (Investor)***, a division of **Hart Energy Publishing LP**, today announced the purchase of the **COSCO Private Capital for Energy Forum™ (the Forum)** from **COSCO Capital Management LLC (COSCO)**. Terms of the sale were not disclosed. The Forum founder and COSCO managing director, Cameron O. Smith, will continue to play an active role in the conference scheduled for early June, in Houston.

The COSCO Forum began in 1997 in New York and *Investor* has co-hosted since 1999 when the conference moved to Houston. Under the *Investor*-COSCO partnership, the Forum grew into the preeminent event focused on private equity capital in the oil and gas industry.

Investor has renamed the conference the ***Oil and Gas Investor Energy Capital Forum***, and will expand the agenda to also focus on the public equity and bank financing sectors. A special half-day pre-conference workshop: "Starting and Building an E&P Company" will bring the start-up niche to the expanded program.

Hart's president and CEO, Rich Eichler, commented, "We are pleased to add the prestigious COSCO Forum to the *Investor* franchise and expand its scope to cover public and traditional debt financing."

Investor publisher, Shelley Lamb, said, "*Oil and Gas Investor* has reported on all aspects of the upstream financial markets for 26 years, so it is only natural for us to broaden the scope of the event under the Energy Capital Forum banner."

"We had fun with this Forum over the years, but the time has come to turn the event over to an organization whose primary mission is to disseminate information on the oil and gas financial markets and no one does this better than *Oil and Gas Investor*," remarked Cameron Smith of COSCO.

Headquartered in Houston, Hart Energy Publishing's market-leading publications include *Oil and Gas Investor*, *E&P*, *PipeLine* and *Gas Technology* and *FUEL*. Hart also produces newsletters, custom publishing products, conferences, electronic media, and unique multi- and single-client consulting services.

COSCO Capital Management LLC is the leading expert in private capital and venture capital finance for the energy business. It advises professionally managed capital providers on current or prospective investments. It also assists energy companies regarding their own investment opportunities and capital needs.

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