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Interior Secretary Norton, Senators Domenici and Landrieu Highlight Week of Important DC Events by IFQC and Hart

HOUSTON, TEXAS (October 3, 2005) - - - The International Fuel Quality Center (IFQC) and Hart's Downstream Energy Services kicks off a week of energy discussions, problem-solving, and conferences on Wednesday with a series of major events featuring a global array of government and industry leaders. The week is topped off by the prestigious Global Energy and Environmental Excellence Awards on October 6, at the Capital Hilton.

The significant annual *Hart World Fuels & Refining Conference* will be held at the Capital Hilton in Washington, DC this week from October 5-7. The agenda features key global government and industry leaders who will discuss new and future policy developments in the areas of sustainable energy, transport fuels and vehicle emissions and how industry will be impacted by these policy developments.

Confirmed government leaders who will be participating in the conference include:

- **Senator Pete Domenici of New Mexico**, Chairman, Senate Committee on Energy & Natural Resources
- **Senator Mary Landrieu** of the State of Louisiana
- **Gale Norton**, Secretary, US Department of Interior
- **Honorable C. Boyden Gray**, Presidential Appointee as US Ambassador to EU and former White House Counsel to President George H.W. Bush

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- **Clay Sell**, Deputy Secretary, US Department of Energy
- **Bill Wehrum**, Acting Assistant Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Confirmed global industry leaders who will be participating at the conference include:

- **US: John Hofmeister**, President, Shell Oil Company, US
- **US: Dan Hancock**, Vice President, Powertrain Engineering Operations, General Motors
- **India: Dr. P.P. Maitra**, Vice President, Reliance Jamnagar Refinery, India
- **Brazil: Paulo Roberto Costa**, Director of Downstream Operations, Petrobras, Brazil,
- **Japan: T. Kudo**, President, Japan Petroleum Energy Center
- **Canada: Richard Brown**, Vice President, Crude Oil & Natural Gas

Prior to the Hart World Fuels & Refining Conference, The International Fuel Quality Center (IFQC) will hold a *Biofuels Policy & Technology Briefing* on Wednesday, October 5 at the Capital Hilton. The meeting will address all current and future global renewable fuels developments including:

- The biofuels provisions in the national energy legislation;
- Brazil's role in the global biofuels markets and what it means for the US;
- An update on biodiesel developments from the president of the National Biodiesel Board;
- The ethanol energy balance debate;
- Minnesota's E20 program and what it could mean for the US;
- Biofuels product quality;
- BP's experience in innovative applications of biofuels;
- Global biofuels developments;
- Biodiesel technology innovations.

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This event will bring together biofuels producers, traders, oil industry representatives, auto manufacturers and governments to discuss the future of a viable biofuels market.

Hart's World Refining & Fuels Service (WRFS) will also hold a briefing on October 7 at the Capital Hilton. The WRFS team will conduct a detailed briefing focusing on emerging energy and environmental policies, global product quality, new supply and demand dynamics, and more.

To register for any of the above events, please contact: Abby Brown at 703-891-4805 or at abrown@hartenergy.com.

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