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## ***International Fuel Quality Center (IFQC) Expands Operations and Adds Professional Capabilities***

HOUSTON, TEXAS (October 23, 2006) - - - Hart Energy Consulting's International Fuel Quality Center has announced several additions to their global staff, including the promotion of the head of their Singapore office, Liisa Kiuru, to Executive Director of IFQC. These changes are designed to highlight the global commitment that IFQC offers to the downstream refining, automotive and fuels industry.

Beginning in January, 2007, Kiuru will move to Houston from Singapore and manage the global IFQC product. According to Kristine Klavers, Managing Director of Hart Energy Consulting, "We are confident Liisa will bring many improvements to the product line, and she is highly qualified to ensure the continued global coverage of our services." As part of the promotion, Kiuru will continue to report to Klavers. The Singapore office will be enhanced with the addition of Kuntal Vora and Karen Chan.

IFQC's global commitment with staff in place in Houston, Washington, Brussels, Singapore, Bahrain, London, Moscow, Bismarck, Mexico City, and most recently Portugal, ensures expanded coverage from virtually any place in the world. IFQC's consultants are available to members on a 24/7 basis.

Some of IFQC's most recent professional staff additions include:

- Candy Vona, who will expand her role by taking charge of the Singapore office becoming Executive Director of Asia Pacific and The Middle East.
- Kuntal Vora, originally from India, with a MSc in Aerospace from West Virginia University. Beginning in 2007, Vora will cover the Asian market from IFQC's Singapore office.
- Maelle Soares Pinto, Manager, Biofuels, who worked several years for Hyprotech and Aspentech and has a MSc in Process Integration and Environmental Technology. Pinto is multi-lingual, speaking English, Portuguese, Spanish, and Italian. Pinto is based in the Portugal office.

- Karen Chan, Research Manager, Asia, who joined the Singapore office after spending three years in market analysis for Bosch & Siemens.
- Greg Dierkers, who joined IFQC's Washington office after ten years experience in energy, air quality and transportation policy with an emphasis in transportation demand management. Dierkers also has a background in environmental economics at the Center for Clean Air Policy.

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