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## **Dutch Deputy Prime Minister to keynote at Gastech 2011 in Amsterdam**

Maxime Verhagen, Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Economics, Agricultural & Innovation for the Government of The Netherlands will officially open Gastech 2011 at the Amsterdam RAI on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March. During his opening keynote speech, Mr Verhagen will highlight the influence of the event within the Dutch gas marketplace and the wider European and global gas community.

Mr Verhagen will then participate in the highly-anticipated opening morning Leadership Panel Debate, which examines the “Role of Gas in the Future Global Energy Mix” and brings together an exciting and rare group of energy leaders to discuss this critical issue.

Mr Verhagen will be joined by top global energy executives including Malcolm Brinded CBE, Executive Director Upstream International, Shell, the Qatargas Chief Executive Officer, Sheikh Khalid Al Thani, Hans Peter Floren, Member of the Board of Management at E.ON Ruhrgas, plus a leading executive officer from a major Japanese utility company who is being confirmed this week.

Held 21<sup>st</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2011 in Amsterdam and hosted by Shell, Gastech is the only major international gas industry gathering in 2011, combining a high-level conference programme with a 250-company-strong exhibition, showcasing products, services and technical innovations for the upstream, midstream and downstream sectors.

The 2011 Gastech conference is the highlight for anyone serious about meeting the decision-makers and leaders of the global gas community. With more than 120 of the industry's most prominent speakers and representatives, this is a must-attend event for anyone looking to learn from the best in the business. Hot topics include Global Market Outlook, New Realities for LNG, Gas Contracting & Trading, Unconventional Gas and Advances in Key Enabling Technology.

Dutch-based companies participating at the Gastech exhibition include Shell, Nederlandse Gasunie, Nuon, TNO, The Association of Dutch Suppliers in the Oil & Gas Industry, A Hak Beheer BV, Hertel, Rosen Europe BV, Bisser & Smit Hanab installatie BV, Yokogawa Europe BV and Frames.

For full details and to register your attendance, visit [www.gastech.co.uk](http://www.gastech.co.uk).

Join Gastech 2011 on LinkedIn (<http://linkedin.com/groupRegistration?gld=2086203>). As a member of the Gastech 2011 LinkedIn group, you will be kept up-to-date with the latest news and information..

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