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PRESS RELEASE

THE 26TH GASTECH CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION HEADS TO LONDON'S EXCEL IN 2012, HOSTED BY BG GROUP

The 26TH Gastech conference and exhibition, the global meeting place for energy industry professionals, will take place at the award-winning ExCeL Conference & Exhibition Centre in London's Docklands, 8-11 October 2012.

Hosted by BG Group, a world leader in natural gas, Gastech 2012 London will bring together thousands of exhibitors, conference delegates, visitors and the world's media from all corners of the globe, for what promises to be a significant event in the global gas calendar and in the year which London hosts the 2012 Olympic Games.

Gastech is proud to serve the broad and diverse spectrum of the global gas industry – with its roots firmly in gas shipping; the event has evolved to encompass all aspects of the upstream, midstream and downstream sectors.

Boris Johnson, Mayor of London, has personally backed bringing Gastech to London, believing an event of this importance and scale is of major significance to London and its business community:

"I am delighted that London will be the host city for the Gastech Exhibition & Conference in 2012. Our city ranks within the top 10 destinations in the world for international congresses and is truly capable of delivering events of magnitude such as the Gastech Exhibition & Conference. I sincerely believe that London will provide an ideal platform for Gastech, at a time when you will be able to take advantage of the excitement in the city following the 2012 Olympics. I am pleased to offer my support to ensure that your delegates, visitors and sponsors have a great experience and your event is a resounding success."

BG Group Chief Executive, **Frank Chapman**:

"We are delighted to be hosting the 26th edition Gastech conference and exhibition in London in 2012. As one of the world's most significant gas events, we look forward to welcoming all of the industry's key players and decision-makers for a four-day event that promises to deliver significant business opportunities and networking at the highest level."

A leading player in the global energy market and with its headquarters in the United Kingdom, BG Group is the ideal host partner for Gastech 2012. With operations in more than 25 countries over five continents, BG Group has a proud history in the energy sector, particularly natural gas, with international experience across the entire gas chain – from exploration to delivery to the consumer.

"Why London?" says *Jason Franks, Executive Vice President, dmg :: events (organisers of Gastech 2012)*:

“Extensive independent research among our customers and stakeholders overwhelmingly identified London as a location where you could be absolutely confident that all major players would be present: a truly global capital city; a transport hub, and home to many of the world’s leading gas businesses.

The timing is also ripe! Gastech comes to London at a time when the 2012 Olympic Games will firmly position London as Europe’s must-visit city, while Gastech will undoubtedly benefit from many new infrastructure and transport links. We look forward to working with BG Group to deliver a first-class event.”

ExCeL London – the Capital’s award-winning conference and events venue

The UK capital’s largest exhibition centre, and conveniently located close to Canary Wharf and City Airport, in London’s thriving Eastside, the venue offers an incredible 100,000m² of flexible event space within a 100-acre waterfront, campus style setting with dozens of contemporary bars, restaurants, pubs - ideal for after-hours socialising and networking.

The recently opened extension and conference facility offer Gastech a state of the art facility in a vibrant and commercially focused city. www.excel-london.co.uk

UK gas market: a move from domestic gas production to global imports

For many years, UK North Sea gas production provided self-sufficiency for the UK natural gas market with surpluses being exported. In recent years, however, the decline of UK domestic gas production has been material and the UK is now a net importer of gas. Since 2006, the UK has received significant natural gas imports through new pipelines from Norway and the Netherlands. In recent years the UK has turned to shipping in Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) to diversify its gas portfolio and to help meet demand, with regasification and storage facilities such as Grain, Dragon, South Hook and Teesside now in operation. Over time, LNG imports could account for as much as 40-50% of total UK supply. The composition of UK gas supply is therefore changing rapidly and import dependence will continue to grow. In the future the UK will be competing with European and Asian markets for LNG cargos that can – to an extent – switch between destinations across the globe. The UK natural gas market therefore faces a paradigm shift both in supplies (a move from domestic gas production to global importing), and in prices – with a growing link to global gas and oil prices.

For further details and to find out about exhibiting and attending visit www.gastech2012.co.uk or visit Gastech 2011 in Amsterdam (21-24 March) to meet the event team and find out more about 2012. www.gastech.co.uk

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About BG Group

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portfolio of exploration and production, Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) and transmission and distribution business interests. It combines a deep understanding of gas markets with a proven track record in finding and commercialising reserves. For further information visit: www.bg-group.com

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