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GAS UTILIZATION BUSINESS BRIEFING TO FOCUS ON TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS TO HELP KAZAKHSTAN MEET ITS GOAL OF ELIMINATING GAS FLARING

HOUSTON, TEXAS – Linking Kazakh natural gas sector officials with U.S. companies is the goal of a hosted Business Briefing that will take place on Monday, February 27, 2012 at the Westin Oaks Hotel in Houston, Texas. The Business Briefing is part of a USTDA-sponsored visit to the United States that aims to introduce senior Kazakh officials to advanced U.S. gas utilization, processing and distribution technologies and best practices through visits to U.S. facilities and meetings with leading U.S. companies. USTDA organized this reverse trade mission in response to the Government of Kazakhstan's instituted policy to eliminate gas flaring in 2012. In addition, the Kazakh Government also plans to bring gas to population centers that are currently not served by gas pipelines. The Business Briefing will offer a venue for the delegates to share their priorities and procurement opportunities with U.S. companies and thus promote interactive dialogue on technical solutions to help Kazakhstan meet its goal of eliminating natural gas flaring. The Business Briefing agenda includes a welcome by USTDA's Director, Leocadia I. Zak; presentations by the delegates on project opportunities; a panel discussion on project financing options; and one-on-one meetings with the delegates.

What: Business Briefing for the USTDA Kazakhstan Gas Utilization Reverse Trade Mission

Who: The Honorable Leocadia I. Zak, Director, U.S. Trade and Development Agency
Mr. Akzhol Ospanov, Head, Department of Gas Production, Processing and Transportation, Kazakhstan Ministry of Oil and Gas
Mr. Birzhan Alshimbayev, Director, Department of Strategic Development and International Relations, Kazakhstan Ministry of Oil and Gas Affairs
Mr. Auyezkhan Urombayev, General Manager, Gas Transportation System, KazTransGaz
Mr. Kamlitdin Bazarbayev, Senior Manager, Department of Gas Production, Processing and Transportation, KazTransGaz
Mr. Yerlan Akbarov, General Director, Amangeldi Gas Ltd.
Mr. Askhat Kubeshov, Manager, Department of Production Assets, KazMunaiGas
Mr. Oleg Gershstanskiy, General Director, NIPi Neftegas
Mr. Alexandr Pustobayev, Deputy General Director, NIPi Neftegas
Ms. Azhar Kadrzhanova, Commercial Specialist, U.S. Commercial Service, U.S. Consulate General in Almaty

When: Monday, February 27
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Where: The Roof Room, Westin Oaks Hotel at the Galleria
5011 Westheimer, Post Oak, Houston, TX 77056

Media organizations interested in attending the Business Briefing should email USTDA Public Affairs specialist. Steve Lewis at slewis@ustda.gov. For more information on the Business Briefing or reverse trade mission, contact Public Affairs at (703) 875-4357.

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