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**H.R.H Prince Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa**

**Patronizes the 4th Middle East Process Engineering Conference & Exhibition**

Under the patronage of H.R.H Prince Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, the Prime Minister, the Kingdom of Bahrain will host the 4th Middle East Process Engineering Conference & Exhibition (MEPEC), during the period 9th to 11th October 2017 at the Bahrain’s International Convention and Exhibition Centre. Keeping in line with global challenges, this year’s theme is “Sustainable Growth through Process Innovation & Downstream Integration”. MEPEC is organized by the Saudi Arabian Section of The American Institute of Chemical Engineers (SAS-AIChE) and co-organized by the Middle East Energy Events with support from the American Institute of Chemical Engineers in collaboration with NOGA.

H.E. Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, the Minister of Oil, expressed his sincere appreciation and gratitude to H.R.H. Prince Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, on his continued support of MEPEC since 2011. MEPEC has affirmed itself as a global forum in the oil and gas sector in the Middle East and served as a high-level platform for the exchange of knowledge, views and expertise among specialists, engineers and technicians from many national, regional and international oil companies.

H.E. the minister also expressed his great satisfaction for the Kingdom of Bahrain to embrace MEPEC for the fourth consecutive time, a conference which has gained reputation and prestige all over the Middle East, as well as a high turnout and participation by leading national and international companies and institutions working in the field of oil and gas. Moreover, MEPEC is a platform for specialists to meet many of the major specialized international companies and benefit from the best practices and modern technologies in addition to the best engineering solutions to enhance work efficiency.

The conference will include an extensive program that has been designed and reviewed by a specialized team of global competence in the field of engineering. The conference focuses on four main topics that revolve around process design and development, process excellence, sustainability and downstream integration for value creation. This edition’s goal is to highlight the shifting industry’s priorities in the region.

Major meetings and sessions will simultaneously be held to discuss scientific research and practical experiences of speakers and executives in oil companies and other related firms.

MEPEC also focuses on key industry initiatives aimed at driving innovation and nurturing youth by hosting the ChemME, a platform that lets graduates network with industry leaders, the AIChE Middle East Regional Chem-E-Car competition that challenge university student to design and develop a car that is powered by a chemical reaction and the Innovation and Commercialization Zone, a platform devoted to start-ups to showcase their innovations to a dedicated process engineering audience.

Additionally, alongside the conference, a Leadership Excellence for Woman Award and Symposium (LEWAS 2017), will be held to honour and celebrate women who demonstrate innovation, leadership, and talent both in business and academic sectors of the Oil and Gas industry. There are five award categories dedicated to women and one each for a male champion and an organization that has been ambassadors of women diversity in the industry.

This year, the show anticipates reaching over 3,500 participants, 200 exhibiting companies and over thousands of visitors over the three-day event

The biennial event is held under the patronage of H.R.H Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain. MEPEC continues to be a visionary forum that allows leaders and experts address present technical issues to solve global challenges. The forum benefits from opportunities arising regionally due to increased demand for cutting edge technology to improve efficiency and performance in the Oil & Gas and petrochemicals sectors. MEPEC, the region’s premier process engineering event is going to be held regularly given the support of industry’s key players such as Saudi Aramco, SABIC and NOGA.