



CWC GROUP WINS QUEEN'S AWARD FOR ENTERPRISE – INTERNATIONAL TRADE

- The first conference, exhibition and training company to win the award -
- Group has hosted over 400 events since being established in 1997 -
- Specialises in events and training for the oil and gas sector -

The CWC Group (CWC) is proud to announce that it has won the Queen's Award for Enterprise – International Trade, one of the most coveted awards in UK industry. These awards are made by the Queen on the advice of the Prime Minister, assisted by an Advisory Committee and recognise the winners for being among the most successful companies in the UK and for their outstanding achievement in international trade.

CWC provides products and services to the international oil, gas, power and investment sectors, particularly in emerging markets. It organises government summits, industry conferences and business development forums as well as exhibitions, private retreats and high level training. The Group operates globally and over the last 11 years its events have become widely acknowledged within the energy community for their quality, prestigious level of government officials and senior corporate delegation.

Commenting on the award, Managing Director Tim Clark, said: "We have had a fantastic year. Firstly, we won the contract to organise the prestigious World Gas Conference in 2009 in Buenos Aires and now comes the Queen's Award of which we are particularly proud as it represents a great acknowledgement of all our hard work over the past 11 years. We are particularly honoured to be the first conference, exhibition and training company to win the award."

Clark attributes the company's success to a high level of in-house expertise, sector knowledge, cultural diversity and the experience that comes from organising over 480 events over the past ten years. "Our 90-strong staff speaks 19 languages and we very much believe that strong communication is the key to success both for ourselves and for our clients around the world."

This year will see over 70 events held across the globe from Benin in Africa to Beijing in China, in the Middle East, the Americas and Europe. CWC is pioneering events in countries such as Libya, where it has worked closely with authorities to provide informative meetings for potential foreign investors. In Saudi Arabia, it is currently helping the government showcase its latest economic and industrial policies. CWC conferences are often used as a platform for government officials to make major announcements and the Group plays a pivotal role in bringing together the major players in the energy sector – one example is the forthcoming Iraq Petroleum event in Dubai. In addition, the CWC School for Energy has also developed successful training programmes for national and international oil companies across the globe.

Clark adds: "The energy industry is a fast-moving dynamic sector and we are already seeing increased demand for events linked to alternative and future fuels. At the same time, our experience in emerging and developing markets means there is strong interest in our services from other industrial sectors. We are very much looking forward to the future."

THE GROUP:

The CWC Group was established in London in 1997. It comprises CWC Group Limited is the global market leader for the oil and gas sector.

It organises:

- International Exhibitions
- Strategic Conferences
- Technical Sessions and Experts' Seminars
- Advanced Training Services

It has partnership and sales offices in Algiers, Amsterdam, Beijing, Buenos Aires, Cairo, Dammam, Delhi, Doha, Istanbul, Jeddah, Johannesburg, Kuala Lumpur, Lagos, Luanda, Moscow, Muscat, Paris, Rome and Tripoli.

FOUNDERS:

Tim Clark, Managing Director

Tim set up the group in 1997 with the aim of making it the market leader for events and communications in the energy sector in Asia, the Middle East, Africa and South America. He has worked with over 30 international governments, OPEC, the World Bank and numerous non-profit making associations and publications. Major areas of his work have included training within the CWC School for Energy, Conferences, Exhibitions and Promotions.

Alirio Parra, Senior Associate and Former Minister of Energy & Mines, Venezuela

Alirio joined CWC Group in 1997. In his role as Senior Adviser he provides the team with a unique insight and knowledge of the oil and gas markets. He uses his vast industry experience, wealth of contacts and sector knowledge to develop business ideas, identify opportunities and help ensure the quality of events and level of attendees is of the highest calibre.

Lisa Shelton, Director

Lisa is a Member of the Board of Directors of CWC Group Limited and of CWC School of Energy and has been with the company since its inception in 1997. She is responsible for central business development within the company and has particular expertise in the African oil and gas market, with connections in government, national and international oil companies and energy organisations. Lisa acts as Project Leader for large-scale events.