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Top Shutdown, Turnaround & Outage Leaders Unite at STO 2009

Nation's leading shutdown conference gives attendees face-time with top maintenance gurus

(April 28, 2009) – This June, a multitude of recognized shutdown, turnaround and outage leaders will unite at STO 2009, the nation's leading conference dedicated to the full lifecycle of shutdowns, turnarounds and outages (STO). These maintenance and reliability experts have a wealth of knowledge on maintenance strategies and best practices, and will present attendees with real-time solutions to save money and improve efficiencies during STO initiatives. STO 2009 will take place June 14 – 16, 2009, in Houston, Texas, and will give attendees valuable face-time with STO leaders including:

Ben Devries, Principal Advisor, Shutdown and Work Management, Rio Tinto

Christer Idhammer, President & CEO, IDCON, INC.

Joel Levitt, Acclaimed Author of *Managing Maintenance Shutdowns and Outages* and other best-selling titles

Bobby Singh, Acclaimed Author of *World-class Turnaround Management*

Steve Telford, Leading STO Expert (Retired, INPO)

Terry Wireman, Acclaimed Author of over 20 maintenance books

"STO 2009 offers a much needed platform for the STO community to get together, cross-industry, to discuss best practices, share ideas and find solutions," said Steve Sinkoff, President and CEO of Eventure Events, which is producing and hosting the program. "This is an extraordinary opportunity for companies to gain forward-thinking advice, practical tips and tricks and strategies that will help them realize true shutdown management efficiency and effectiveness."

"In 2008, our plant had the largest turnaround in its history and the lessons we learned from the STO conference were huge contributors to the success of that turnaround," said Craig Pindell, Global Reliability Specialist, Dyno Nobel Inc. "STO is organized in a way to maximize learning opportunities and to facilitate networking. Of all the conferences available, this is the only conference to attend if you want to improve shutdowns, turnarounds or outages at your plant."

STO 2009 features a comprehensive, two-day program with informative tracks covering the full lifecycle of shutdowns, turnarounds and outages. Also offered are optional, half-day subject-specific workshops to help attendees dive deep into the subject matter that interests them most.

Registration for STO 2009 will remain open until June 5, 2009. For more information or to register, individuals should visit the conference website at www.stoconference.com or call the Eventure Events office at 877-411-4675 or 914-509-5354.

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