Day One - 23 January 2017

08.30 – 09.30 Registrations and welcome refreshments

09.30 – 09.35 Argus welcome remarks

09.35 – 09.40 Opening remarks by Chairperson
Alejandro Barbajosa, Vice President, Crude & LPG – Middle East & Asia-Pacific, Argus Media, Singapore

The new economics of crude: fundamentals and outlook

09.40 – 10.00 OPENING KEYNOTE ADDRESS
The evolving crude landscape in Oman
- Oman’s views on the agreement by non-OPEC countries to reduce oil production
- Oman’s a market-based mechanism centered around the DME
- Future production from EOR
- Expansion of storage capacity in Ras Markaz
- New Petrochemicals investment, Duqm

HE Salim Al-Aufi, Undersecretary, Ministry of Oil & Gas, Oman

10.00 – 10.20 New Features of Global Oil Market
Dr Sun Xiansheng, Secretary General, International Energy Forum (IEF)

10.20 – 10.50 Shale revolution take two: the global reach of US crude exports & pricing
Alejandro Barbajosa, Vice President, Crude & LPG – Middle East & Asia-Pacific, Argus Media, Singapore

10.50 – 11.15 Interactive Q&A with session speakers

11.15 – 11.45 Networking break

Refiners and emerging demand centers

11.45 – 12.10 India’s downstream outlook: an update on crude demand in a higher price environment
Ann Raphael, Head - Crude Oil Trading, Essar Oil Limited, India

12.10 – 12.35 Rotterdam – Europe’s largest oil and refining hub – challenges and opportunities ahead!
Jaap van Dalen, Sr. Business Manager, Oil & Refineries, Port of Rotterdam, Netherlands

12.35 – 12.55 Refining in Pakistan: Outlook & opportunities
Zahid Muzaffar, Advisor to the Minister of Petroleum & Chairman Oil & Gas Development Co. (OGDCL), Pakistan

12.55 – 13.15 China’s independent refineries: Current state of development and future trends
David Li, Assistant Vice President, Shandong Dongming Petrochemical Group, China

13.15 – 13.45 Interactive Q&A with session speakers

13.45 – 15.00 Networking lunch

OPEC strategies and supply changes: the impact on Asia and the Middle East

15.00 – 15.25 World Oil Outlook up to 2040
Amal Alawami, Upstream Oil Industry Analyst – Energy Studies, OPEC

15.25 – 15.55 The return of Iranian oil
Reza Dargahi, Senior Process Engineer - Corporate Planning Management, National Iranian Oil Refining & Distribution Company (NIORDC), Iran

Shifting trade flows, storage and shipping

15.55 – 16.20 Keynote address
Captain Nasrollah Sardashti, National Iranian Tanker Company (NITC), Iran

16.20 – 16.30 Closing remarks by conference chairperson

16.30 – 17.00 Networking break and end of day

Day Two - 24 January 2017

09.00 – 10.00 Registrations and welcome refreshments

10.00 – 10.10 Opening remarks by Chairperson

10.10 – 11.10 **China's independents: out of favour, but not out of the market**
The government has taken a far tougher line on the import quotas independents need to access international markets this year, and competition to supply them will intensify. But they are becoming an established part of the market, and their taste in crude is evolving.
Tom Reed, Editor Argus China Petroleum, Argus

11.10 – 11.40 Networking break

11.40 – 12.40 **Chinese crude stockpiling trends: Where has all the oil gone?**
Chinese crude supply has significantly exceeded refinery demand in recent years and the amount supposedly pumped into the country's SPR has outpaced available capacity. Recent analysis in ACP suggests that this is being pumped into leased, independent storage tanks, vastly expanding China's ability to absorb surplus global supplies.
Tom Reed, Editor Argus China Petroleum, Argus

12.10 – 12.20 Closing remarks by conference chairperson

12.20 – 14.00 Networking lunch and end of day