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News letter

## TAQA Arabia in the 24th World Gas Conference & Exhibition in Buenos Aires, Argentina

**October 2009, TAQA Arabia participated in the most important event of the global natural gas industry: the World Gas Conference (WGC) and Exhibition, organized by the International Gas Union (IGU) and held in Buenos Aires, Argentina during the period October 5 – 9.**



For those of you who may not have heard of IGU, the union members account for 95 % of the world's natural gas production. IGU's work covers all aspects of the industry, from the wellhead to the burner tip. The Union is a worldwide non-profit organization founded in 1931 to promote the technical and economical progress of the gas industry. Registered in Vevey, Switzerland, IGU is made up of gas industry associations and companies from 71 countries, including 75 charter members and 35 associate members. TAQA Arabia has been an associate member of IGU since 2007.

### **World Gas Conference 2009 in a nutshell**

The World Gas Conference and Exhibition are the flagships of IGU. Organized every three years, they are the venue where the results of the newest research done by more than 12 specialized Committees & taskforce within the gas industry and presented to representatives of industrial companies, regulatory authorities

and the scientific community. Conference participants include top managers of the world's leading Oil and Gas companies, ministers, and some of the most competent researchers from international energy organizations and private businesses, universities, and research and development (R&D) agencies. The WGC technical program included 14 keynote addresses, four luncheon addresses, 24 Technical Committee sessions, 9 strategic panels and 18 expert fora. The strategic panels tackled some of the key topics identified during the 2006–2009 triennium.



**24<sup>th</sup> World Gas Conference**  
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5-9 October [www.wgc2009.com](http://www.wgc2009.com)

## **TAQA Arabia Showcases Its Projects at the 2009 World Gas Exhibition**

The World Gas Exhibition, the most representative event of the kind in the gas industry, constituted the commercial heart of the 24th World Gas Conference. Located alongside the WGC at the splendid La Rural Exhibition and Conference Centre, the dynamic and interactive exhibition, which exceeded 15,000 square meters of space, offered all major players and suppliers in the gas industry the opportunity to showcase their products, services and areas of expertise to the most influential group of gas professionals from around the world.

TAQA Arabia's exhibition stand surrounded by its corporate branding attracted a multitude of enquiries about the company's projects and services from among the thousands of visitors to the trade fair. The top-notch display, combined with TAQA's sound track record and solid position in the local and regional markets, generated serious business opportunities with new clients and prospective partners.



## **The WGC 09 threw the eyes of the GAS Group Managing Director**

“Participating in the WGC 09 was a new milestone for TAQA Arabia; getting exposed as well as meeting key people from the same industry in different parts of the earth are definitely an experience not to miss. Conferences, luncheons, and meetings were open to all subjects of the gas industry discussions. TAQA Arabia had an immense exposure with a Top-notch booth designed to ensure a good branding for the company's logo and icon as well as a great publicity for its scope of work and activities. This conference and exhibition were also a great opportunity to develop our business in other parts of the world as well as getting exposed to other emerging markets and other competitors or key players in that field.

I'm personally privileged to have participated in such an event as TAQA's gas group managing director “Ahmed Dakroury” - Gas Group Managing Director.

## TAQA Arabia Wins a Seat on the IGU Executive Committee 2009-2012

The year 2009 concluded the 3-year Argentinien presidency of the IGU, which passed on to Malaysia for the period 2009-2012. With this transition, new elections were held for the Executive Committee (EXC), the main decision-making body of the organization. We are proud to announce that Eng. Khaled Abu Bakr, in his capacity as Managing Director of TAQA Arabia, was chosen by the group of associate members to represent them in the IGU EXC 2009-2012. This vote of confidence reflects the worldwide recognition TAQA Arabia has gained as one of the leading Oil and Gas companies in the Middle East and Africa. Experts on each of the topics were invited to express their views from different perspectives to ensure a rich debate.

## Eng. Khaled Abu Bakr Speaks at the 2009 World Gas Conference

Eng. Khaled Abu Bakr participated with the CEOs of Europe's largest gas groups as a speaker in the panel titled: **Marketing Natural Gas in a Demanding Environment**. The panel discussed the findings of studies conducted on natural gas and renewables, and explored ways and means of promoting the more expanded use of natural gas as a renewable energy source. The session was supplemented with short film sequences and an interactive section that included statements and polling questions to and from the audience.



From left to right:

Geert Greving (GASTERRA) "Moderator", Marc Hall (BAYERNGAS GmbH), Philippe Sauquet (TOTAL), Ieda Gomes (BP GAS Asia & Middle east), Khaled Abubakr (TAQA Arabia), Vitaly Vasiliev (GAZPROM), Stefan Judisch (RWE SUPPLY & TRADING).

## TAQA Arabia Post the 2009 World Gas Conference

The 2009 World Gas Conference represents an important milestone for TAQA Arabia, marking a new phase in the company's evolution. TAQA's active participation in this unique event solidified its position as a key player in the global market and reaffirmed its commitment to promoting the growth of the Oil and Gas industry. The relationships the company forged with key industry decision makers; the firsthand insights it gained into state-of-the-art world gas technologies; and the new business opportunities it opened up with regional and international entities through this niche event have given renewed impetus to TAQA's activities. Over the coming months, we expect to see the company establishing new partnerships, introducing new technologies and products, and penetrating new markets both locally and regionally – activities that are expected to dynamically engage TAQA Arabia employees at all levels.

### TAQA Arabia Delegates & Representatives in the WGC 2009

1. Eng. Khaled Abubakr - Managing Director of TAQA Arabia
2. Mr. Ahmed Dakroury - Managing Director of TAQA Gas Group
3. Mrs. Hala Abubakr - Chairman & Managing Director of City Gas
4. Mr. Akmal Zaghoul - Business Development General Manager
5. Sherwet Kafafy - Corporate Marketing & Communication Manager
6. Fadi Greiss - Assistant Marketing & Communication Manager



Booth in the 24th World Gas Conference & Exhibition Argentina 2009