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Save the Date for the 1st UIC / ITE International Oil, Rail & Ports Conference jointly organised with Iranian Railways RAI to be held from 15 – 16 May 2016 in Tehran – Register now!

“Oil, Rail & Ports” is the first international event organised by the rail sector and entirely dedicated to synergies and partnerships with the oil and gas sector as well as with ports and shipping lines. This is an exceptional opportunity for exchanging and networking in the Middle-East.

(Paris, 12 April 2016) UIC, the worldwide organisation representing the rail sector with 240 members in nearly 100 countries from 5 continents, together with ITE-EUF – organiser of 22 international transport and logistics events and 21 oil & gas events in 19 countries – are jointly organising the 1st International Oil, Rail & Ports Conference that will be hosted by the Railways of the Islamic Republic of Iran RAI, from 15 – 16 May 2016 in Tehran.

This first international railway conference entirely dedicated to cooperation between railways and the oil and gas industry as well as with the major ports and terminals in the Middle-East, Central Asia and neighbouring regions, will be co-located in Tehran with the RAILEXPO 2016 international railway exhibition and held under the Patronage of the Minister of Roads and Urban Development, Ports and Maritime Organisation, and the Minister of Petroleum of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The conference is also officially supported by OTIF, the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail based in Berne, Switzerland.

The 1st International Oil, Rail & Ports Conference will host decision-makers involved in transport and logistics issues in the Middle-Eastern and Central Asian Regions, in particular in relation to the oil and gas transportation market, as well as representatives of railway and intermodal operators, oil and gas terminals, ports, railway manufacturers and all authorities with the competence to support or regulate these markets.

Speakers will include ministers and officials from Iran as well as high-level representatives from international organisations – including UIC for the international railway community – directors of market development, transport and logistics at oil & gas and energy companies, rail freight operators from the Middle-East, Central Asia, Asia, Europe, wagon fleet/pool managers and oil tank manufacturers, port authorities and terminal operators, security and safety managers, oil field service companies...

The following themes will be addressed during the two-day conference:

- . Container market: the challenges of keeping a position of solution provider in a fast changing environment
- . Vision and Strategic Action Plan 2013-2020 for Railways in the Middle-East
- . Investment opportunities created by the present environment of low global oil and gas prices
- . A Middle-East Project Case Study
- . The Legal and Regulatory Framework of International Oil Transport – Interoperability and Safety Standards
- . Navigating Iranian Sanctions Micro-seminar
- . The Multimodal Revolution in Oil and Gas Transportation

At the Opening Session on 15 May, the following high-level participants will take the floor: **Mr. Eshaq Jahangiri**, Vice President of the I.R. of Iran, **Mr. Bijan Namdar Zangeneh**, Minister of Petroleum of the I.R. of Iran, **Mr. Abbas Ahmad Akhondi**, Minister of Transport, **Dr. Mohsen Pour Seyed Aghaie**, Vice Minister for Roads and Urban Development, President of Iranian Railways RAI, **Mr. Jean-Pierre Loubinoux**, Director General of the International Union of Railways UIC, **Mr. François Davenne**, Secretary General of the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail OTIF.

A keynote speaker will be **Mr. Armand Toubol**, Honorary Director General of French Railways SNCF.

Mr. Abbas Nazari, Director General International Affairs at RAI, and Director of the UIC Middle-East Regional Office in Tehran will present the Middle-Eastern Vision for Railway development. Confirmed speakers will also include **Mr. Hossein Ashoori**, Vice President for Operations and International Transport, Iranian Railways RAI, **Mr. Hervé de Tarade** who held various leading positions in shipping lines, consultancy, International Intermodal Services I.I.S., **Mr. Jean-Georges Heintz**, French Railways SNCF/ UIC Industrial Risks/Dangerous Goods, **Mr. Jochen Conrad**, Head of RID Section/ Regulations for Dangerous Goods at OTIF, **Mr. Grigore Haverneau**, UIC Security Division, Security of Critical Infrastructures, **Mr. Vasco Paul Kolmorgen**, Bahnkonzept, Germany, Improved links between oil exploration and shipping harbours, **Mr. Ed Osterwald**, Senior Partner, Competition Economists Group, CEG Europe, **Mr. Siovash** and **Mr. Ali Sangian**, owners of Seven Seas Shipping Agency and International Transportation Co. Ltd.

For registration or more detailed information on the 1st International Oil, Rail & Ports Conference, please visit the conference website: www.oilrailports.com

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