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### **ILTA Hits Record Attendance at 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and Trade Show**

Washington, D.C, July 12, 2007 – The ILTA Conference and Trade Show posted a record number of attendees and featured the largest number of exhibiting manufacturers in the event's 27-year history. The event took place on June 11-13, 2007, at the Hilton Americas-Houston and the George R. Brown Convention Center in downtown Houston, Texas. Over 715 participants attended the conference and workshops, exceeding last year's record by more than 50 registrations. The exhibit hall featured 223 domestic and international exhibitors, occupying over 330 booths. The entire event hosted an overall attendance of over 3,050 terminal executives, operators and suppliers from around the world.

A major focus of this year's conference was floating roofs. The conference began on June 11 with a panel of experts discussing the operational considerations, management implications and air emissions issues of storage tank floating roof landings. It was a well-attended session with a detailed discussion on landing losses, the Texas remote sensing study and findings, and the terminal industry's actions in reducing emissions from landings. Following the panel discussion, a series of sessions focused on other floating roof concerns, including design requirements, safety considerations, maintenance issues and equipment selection criteria.

A highlight of ILTA's 27th Annual Conference was the presentation of the Inaugural ILTA Safety Awards. Eleven terminal member companies received a Safety Excellence Award. These companies had a safety record of less than one injury per 100 workers in 2006, or they have demonstrated significant improvement in their safety record over the past three years. The 2007 winners are: Buckeye Terminals, LLC; Colonial Terminals, Inc.; Ergon Terminaling, Inc.; Flint Hills Resources, LP; Houston Fuel Oil Terminal Company; Intercontinental Terminals Company; NuStar Energy, L.P.; Odjfell Terminals (Houston) LP; Southside River-Rail Terminal, Inc.; Stolt-Nielsen Transportation Group Inc.; and Tidewater Terminal Company. Two companies that demonstrated exemplary safety cultures were awarded the 2007 Platinum Safety Award. CITGO Petroleum Corporation, Houston, TX, received the large terminal award, and Motiva Enterprises - New Jersey Complex, Sewaren, NJ, received the small terminal award.

The conference concluded with the keynote luncheon on Tuesday. Keynote speaker Dr. Robert Ballard gave an enlightening presentation on his deep-sea explorations and discoveries. Using dramatic photos from his various expeditions, he shared with attendees his passion for exploring the ocean's depths. Dr. Ballard is best known for his 1985 discovery of the legendary *Titanic*.

The ILTA 28th Annual Conference and Trade Show is scheduled for June 9-11, 2008, at the Hilton Americas-Houston and the George R. Brown Convention Center. The conference keynote luncheon speaker will be Jamie Clarke, Canadian adventurer and extraordinary speaker. In 1997, Clarke climbed to the summit of Mount Everest, and in 1999, he completed a 620-mile camel crossing of Arabia's Empty Quarter, the most desolate and dangerous desert in the world.

#### **About Independent Liquid Terminals Association:**

ILTA is an international trade association that represents independent owners and operators of bulk liquid terminals, aboveground storage tank facilities, and pipeline companies in the United States and 41 other countries. ILTA members operate more than 500 facilities consisting of about 9,000 tanks, with a global storage capacity of approximately 500 million barrels. Its membership also includes more than 275 companies that supply products and services to the bulk liquid terminal industry.

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