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### **ILTA Trade Show The Largest in Event's 29-Year History**

Washington, D.C., June 26, 2009 – The International Liquid Terminals Association (ILTA) held its 29<sup>th</sup> Annual International Operating Conference and Trade Show on June 8-10, 2009, in Houston, Texas. Over 250 domestic and international companies exhibited in the trade show. This is the largest number of companies in ILTA's trade show history. Fifty-three companies exhibited for the first time. More than 3,300 industry personnel attended the three-day event, which included a conference, the trade show and three training workshops. "This year, as the decline in our economy has continued, many companies in our industry have cut back on their travel budgets. However, ILTA's strong membership base produced an excellent turnout for this year's conference and trade show," said ILTA President David Doane.

The opening session of the conference featured a dialogue among four business leaders in the petroleum and chemical industries. The participants in the executive roundtable were: Curt Anastasio, President and CEO of NuStar Energy, LP; Hank Heithaus, President of Retail Marketing at Murphy Oil USA; Olav Refvik, founding member of Arrowhawk Capital Partners; and Rod Sands, President and CEO of Explorer Pipeline Company. These executives provided their insights into key issues affecting companies in today's economic and political climate. For the first time, this year's conference featured sessions in another language—in Spanish. These technical presentations focused on three key issues for terminal operators—tank emission controls, inventory management systems, and vapor recovery technologies.

On Tuesday morning, 12 ILTA terminal member companies received the Safety Excellence Award for demonstrated exceptional performance in protecting the safety of their employees. The 2009 winners were: Asphalt Operating Services, LLC; Buckeye Terminals, LLC; CITGO Petroleum Corporation; Flint Hills Resources; Hess Corporation; Houston Fuel Oil Terminal Company; Intercontinental Terminals Company; International Raw Materials, Ltd.; JIT Chemical Corporation; Marathon Petroleum Company LLC; Motiva Enterprises – New Jersey Complex; and Petro-Diamond Terminal Company. Two companies, NuStar Energy, L.P., and Western Refining Company, L.P., were awarded the 2009 Platinum Safety Award for their demonstrated exemplary safety culture. Each company received a solid crystal tank that depicts a floating roof tank. The tank is seven and one-half inches high and slightly more than five inches in diameter. It has three-dimensional detailing of the roof, a manway, and a water supply line for the foam chambers. The tank also has etched detailing of the stairs and the panel seams.

The conference concluded with the keynote luncheon on Tuesday. Rick Pitino, head basketball coach for the University of Louisville, gave an inspirational speech about staying positive and productive in today's world. Besides having an extraordinary career as a coach, Pitino is an accomplished motivational speaker.

The 30th Annual ILTA International Operating Conference and Trade Show is scheduled for May 24-26, 2010 at the Hilton Americas-Houston and the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, TX.

#### **About International Liquid Terminals Association:**

ILTA is an international trade association that represents owners and operators of bulk liquid terminals, aboveground storage tank facilities, and petroleum product pipelines in 43 countries. ILTA members operate more than 750 facilities consisting of about 13,000 tanks, with a global storage capacity of approximately 615 million barrels. Products handled by ILTA members include crude oil, petroleum products and a wide variety of chemicals, as well as ethanol, biodiesel, vegetable oils, molasses and fertilizers. Its membership also includes more than 300 companies that supply products and services to the bulk liquid terminal industry.

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