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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **ILTA Celebrates 30 Years in Houston**

Washington, D.C., June 8, 2010 – The International Liquid Terminals Association (ILTA) held its 30<sup>th</sup> Annual International Operating Conference and Trade Show on May 24-26, 2010, in Houston, Texas. More than 3,000 industry professionals were in attendance. “This year we celebrated a significant milestone for the event – 30 years in Houston,” said ILTA President David Doane. “When we started in 1981, about 450 people participated in the conference and trade show. We’ve grown quite a bit since then.”

In the opening session of the conference, seven companies were given special recognition for their long-term support of ILTA. These companies had a trade show booth at the first ILTA trade show in 1981. Since then, each of these seven companies has exhibited at the ILTA trade show for 30 consecutive years. The companies are: Baker Tank Company/Altech; Chicago Bridge and Iron; Conservatek Industries; Emco Wheaton; Honeywell Enraf Americas; Scully Signal Company; and Technip Coflexip.

On May 25, conference and trade show attendees and exhibitors were treated to a special evening celebration of the 30th anniversary of ILTA’s conference and trade show. Many former ILTA chairmen and members of the Board of Directors were in attendance. “Our Texas-size anniversary party on Tuesday night was a great way for ILTA to say ‘thank you’ to our trade show exhibitors and attendees for coming to ILTA events for many years,” Doane said. “This strong relationship is the key to our continued success as a trade association.”

Commander Kirk Lippold, United States Navy (Ret.) gave the keynote luncheon address. Cmdr. Lippold was the Commanding Officer of the USS Cole when it came under a suicide terrorist attack in 2000 by al Qaeda in the port of Aden, Yemen. During his keynote presentation, he delivered a detailed account of the aftermath of the event and described his crew’s ability to focus and perform critical tasks under extremely adverse conditions.

Twelve ILTA terminal member companies received the Safety Excellence Award for demonstrated exceptional performance in protecting the safety of their employees. The 2010 winners were: Buckeye Terminals, LLC; Hess Corporation; Houston Fuel Oil Terminal Company; International Raw Materials Ltd.; Intercontinental Terminals Company; Marathon Petroleum Co., LLC; Motiva Enterprises – New Jersey Complex; Murphy Oil Corporation; NuStar Energy, L.P.; Oiltanking Houston, L.P.; Petro-Diamond Terminal Company; and U.S. Oil Co., Inc. Two companies, Flint Hills Resources, LP, and Asphalt Operating Services, were awarded the 2010 Platinum Safety Award for their demonstrated exemplary safety culture.

The 31st Annual ILTA International Operating Conference and Trade Show is scheduled for June 6-8, 2011, 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 47 countries. ILTA members operate more than 780 facilities consisting of about 13,200 tanks, with a global storage capacity of approximately 660 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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