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Press Release for Distinguished Service Award and SPE Distinguished Membership

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Sami A. Al-Neaim Receives Distinguished Service Award and SPE Distinguished Membership from Society of Petroleum Engineers

Richardson, TX (**8 November 2011**) – The Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) recently honored Dr. Sami Al-Neaim with the Distinguished Service Award and SPE Distinguished Membership at SPE's Annual Technical Conference and Exhibition held 31 October through 2 November in Denver, Colorado US. Al-Neaim is Research Director for Saudi Aramco.

The SPE Distinguished Service Award recognizes contributions to the Society that exhibit such exceptional devotion of time, effort, thought, and action as to set them apart from other contributions. Established in 1983, the Distinguished Member award recognizes SPE members who achieve distinction deemed worthy of special recognition. Distinguished Membership is limited to 1% of SPE professional members and acknowledges members who have attained eminence in the petroleum industry or the academic community, and/or who have made unusually significant contributions to SPE.

Dr. Al-Neaim is a long standing SPE member and was selected for the SPE Distinguished Service Award to recognize his valuable unlimited public service and commitment to the SPE Saudi section and SPE Middle East.

SPE serves more than 97,000 members worldwide, sharing technical knowledge for the benefit of the oil and gas industry. Each year, SPE presents awards that recognize members whose efforts have advanced petroleum technology, as well as their professional achievements and contributions to SPE, the industry and society.

"This award recognizes outstanding contributions in the oil and gas industry. The recipients have been nominated by their colleagues and selected by a committee of peers for achievements in their field. We congratulate Sami for receiving this prestigious international award from SPE," said Alain Labastie, 2011 SPE President.

