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Global Markets Direct's new report Top Ten Global Energy Trends in 2010 provides an in-depth analysis of the top global trends in the energy sector in 2010 with challenges and future prospects for the overall industry.

Feb. 11, 2010 - PRLog -- The report provides critical analysis of the various trends in the different segments of the energy industry including oil and gas upstream and downstream, unconventional and offshore oil and gas sectors, nuclear energy, alternative energy, electricity sector and coal sector. The report also provides deal analysis of the oil and gas, nuclear and alternative energy sectors. The major areas of focus include impact of the financial crisis and the after effects of the crisis and the global economic recession on the energy sector. Challenges in conventional as well as non conventional energy sector, technological developments in new and alternative energy sectors and the nuclear industry are also analyzed. The global economic recovery and the impact on the capital expenditure in the petroleum industry in 2010, growing trend towards the offshore oil and gas industry and the approach of the oil and gas companies to prepare for the upturn are some of the other issues that have been analyzed in the report. The report highlights and analyses the most critical trends or issues in the global energy sector in 2010.

Global Total Energy Consumption Is Expected To Recover In 2010

The total energy consumption in the OECD economies is expected to continue to witness a decreased growth in 2009. However, with the global economy expected to recover in 2010, energy consumption in the OECD economies is expected to grow. The improving economic conditions in 2009 and the expected recovery in 2010 will further drive the growth in energy consumption in these economies.

Global Corporate M&A And Asset Transactions In The E&P Sector Are Likely To Witness A Rise While Other Energy Sectors Lag In 2010

The uncertainty in the global economic outlook, highly volatile commodity prices and tight credit availability had a negative effect on the deal activity thereby decreasing the deal activity in the later part of 2008. Since then, the commodity prices have been increasing and the global economy is showing some signs of recovery from the recession. Global economy is expected to grow at a positive rate in 2010. These factors and comparatively lower asset valuations is expected to usher a new wave of merger and acquisition in the

Crude Oil And Natural Gas Prices And Thereby E&P Capital Expenditure Are Expected To Witness An Upward Trend In 2010

Capital expenditure of oil and gas companies after surging from 2007 to 2008 has witnessed a significant decrease in 2009. However, in 2010 capital expenditure activity is expected to go up, driven mainly by large National Oil Companies. With oil prices starting to stabilize at \$60-80 per barrel level and as the economic intervention by the governments across the globe takes effect, oil and gas companies are expected to increase investments in 2010. However, these plans of 2010 and beyond are largely dependent on the commodity prices, demand-supply and reduced costs of oil services.

Electricity Consumption And Generation Is Expected To Increase In 2010 With Increasing Focus On Smart Grid Implementation In Major Consuming Markets

Global electricity generation is expected to continue to increase in the years to come. In 2008, 19.53

Trillion KWh of electricity was generated. Worldwide electricity generation is expected to increase to 20.26 Trillion KWh in 2009 and further to 21.0 Trillion KWh in 2010. The growth in the electricity generation can be attributed to increase in the population and economic growth in the emerging economies and a corresponding increase in the usage of electricity for residential, commercial as well as industrial purposes.

Nuclear Energy Will Continue To Increase Its Role In The Energy Mix And Is Likely To Attract Increased Investments In 2010

The global economic downturn is likely to have limited effect on the nuclear industry due to the long term nature of the nuclear projects. Further, with the long term nuclear plans of a number of emerging countries and the recent trend toward small and medium reactors, the nuclear industry might witness an increase in investments once the global economy recovers in 2010.

Increased Focus On Clean Alternative Energy And Alternative Fuels Is Expected To Attract Investments To The Sector In 2010

The need to achieve energy stability, security of energy supply and energy independence combined with the demand to minimize carbon footprints is driving countries across the world to explore different renewable energy technologies. Battling climate change is as much a concern for most world governments as achieving energy independence and security. This has forced governments to come up with schemes and policy frameworks supporting the promotion and development of renewable energy. With the global economy expected to be in a better shape in 2010, the renewable energy industry is expected to continue to grow.

Refining Sector Will Continue To Experience A Downturn Fuelled By Low Refining Margins In 2010

The global refining industry is witnessing a slump following the global economic downturn after a high return period in the past few years. Uncertain product demand due to the global economic downturn, decreasing refinery margins and a surplus refining capacity are having a combined negative effect on the profitability of refining operations. These trends will continue to cast a shadow of uncertainty over the future of refinery margins thereby making the refining sector unattractive for the integrated oil companies in the short term.

New And Emerging Frontiers Will Increasingly Add To The Supply Of Oil And Gas In 2010

Unconventional oil and gas projects are attracting increased attention in the wake of the inevitable production decline in the more traditional oil and gas resources and the volatility in the oil market. The expected recovery of the global economy in 2010 and the rise in the commodity prices will increase the attractiveness of the unconventional and offshore oil and gas sectors. Consequently, the share of oil and gas production from unconventional as well as offshore resources will continue to increase in 2010.

Ambiguity Over Climate Change Policies And Framework Will Continue To Cast A Shadow Of Uncertainty Over The Energy Markets In 2010

In order for the industry to comply with the climate change policies, significant costs need to be incurred by the energy companies. Also, the companies would have to eventually diversify into clean energy sources. Nonetheless, the global economies are not even in the initial stages of agreeing to a global climate policy which would enforce emission cuts. This has created a lot of uncertainty on the effect of the policy measures on the energy industry.

Coal Will Continue To Be A Major Source Of Energy In 2010 Especially In Coal Rich Countries Albeit The Focus On Climate Change

The global economic slowdown is expected to have very little effect on the consumption and production of coal. The popularity of coal can be attributed to its huge availability and lower costs as compared to natural gas and oil. In recent years, there has been a greater shift towards nuclear and other cleaner sources of energy to reduce the dependence on fossil fuels, especially coal. Nevertheless coal is expected to be the preferred choice for years to come.

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