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DAY 1 - 1 March 2011, Tuesday

08:00 Registration & Coffee

09:00 Chairman's Welcome & Remarks

09:10 **Outlook of the Global Methanol Business**

- Feedstock issues & economics
- Developments in market dynamics
- Pricing & trade flow, profitability review

*Graham Hoar, Director, Middle East
Nexant Ltd*

09:50 **Managing the Integrated Methanol & Derivatives Value Chain**

*Manuel Asali, General Manager,
Business Strategy, Chemicals SBU
Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC)*

10:20 Discussion followed by Networking Coffee

10:50 **Availability of Gas Feedstock in Middle East & North Africa**

*Samuel Ciszuk, Senior Energy Analyst,
Middle East and North Africa, WME
IHS Global Insight Ltd*

11:20 **Technological Innovation to Monetize Methanol from Stranded Gas Fields**

*Dr Sergey Dolinskiy, Director of Innovation
NIPI Metaprocess*

11:55 **Macro Economic Climate & Project Financing Market**

- Key funding issues for methanol (Petrochemicals) projects in the Middle East

*Christophe Mariot, Head Of Project Finance
BNP Paribas Group*

12:30 Discussion followed by Networking Lunch

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13:50 **Shipping & Freight Outlook for Methanol**

14:25 **Methanol Industry Development: Methanol Fuel Blending Growth and Challenges**

- Methanol fuel blending in 14 Chinese provinces and growth potentials
- China's M15 national standards and implications for transport and automobile sector
- Methanol fuel blending in other parts of the world: growing opportunities
- Legislative & regulatory challenges

Roland Yap, Executive Director (Asia & Middle East), Methanol Institute

14:55 **Panel Discussion on the New Energy & Downstream Applications**

- Prospects for further use of methanol in gasoline
- Impact of commercial scale MTO & MTP plants becoming a reality?

15:30 Discussion followed by Networking Tea

16:00 **Development of the Global MTBE Markets, with Focus on Asia**

*Joanne Chong, Communications Manager
Asian Clean Fuels Association*

16:30 **Indian Methanol Market Dynamics & Growth in Derivatives Market**

Jayen Mehta, Director, DJ Research

17:00 **Global Formaldehyde Market Outlook & Updates**

- Current market situation and challenges facing the formaldehyde industry
- Trends in downstream application of formaldehyde
- Development status of new technologies for formaldehyde production and use

*Graeme J. Millar,
Queensland University of Technology*

17:30 Discussion followed by End of Day One

17:45 Networking Reception for Speakers & Participants

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DAY 2 - 2 March 2011, Wednesday

09:00 Chairman Remarks

09:05 **Technical Updates on Methanol – Syngas Production Components**

9:35 **Megascale Methanol Production in a Volatile Economy, and Beyond that**

*Norbert Ringer, Group Product Manager Methanol,
Catalytic Technologies-Chemicals
Sud-Chemie AG*

10:05 Discussion followed by Networking Coffee

10:35 **Single Column to Recover Methanol Vapor from Tankage & Loading Facilities**

- Steady state simulation model
 - Optimization of scrubbing unit
 - Discussion of associated issues
- Michele Genova, Process Director,
Techint S.p.A*

11:05 **Methanol to Olefins/Propylene: Technological Updates & Case Study**

11:35 **Assessment of Highly Active Methanol Catalyst for TOYO MRF-Z Reactor**

*Kunio Hirotsu, GM,
Licensing & IP Mgt Department
Toyo Engineering Corporation*

12:05 Final Discussion followed by Closing Lunch

13:30 End of Conference