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SMI's 3rd annual Conference will feature an array of presentations from global Oil & Gas companies including Maersk Oil, Petroleum Development Oman and GDF Suez

LONDON, ENGLAND, UNITED KINGDOM, October 3, 2013 /EINPresswire.com/ -- In the global energy industry's highly charged [cyber security](#) environment, hackers and cyber criminals are working feverishly on their next attack as proven by the 2 million threats of varying complexity experienced weekly by the [oil and gas](#) sector. Cyber attackers are becoming increasingly sophisticated, highly organised and are constantly inventing ways to bypass traditional defences such as anti-virus and firewalls. With such attacks increasing in frequency and sophistication, oil and gas companies are faced with an urgent need to protect their highly valuable intellectual property and commercially sensitive information.



Against this backdrop, oil and gas companies now are heavily investing in establishing the most comprehensive security systems for their assets and digital infrastructures, with spending set to reach \$1.87 billion by 2018. Managing security of networks and wireless communication systems, as well as defending IT infrastructure from external virus attacks and internal compatibility threats is a top priority.

SMI's 3rd annual [Oil and Gas Cyber Security](#) conference, taking place on 25-26 November in London, will address the most pressing cyber security issues facing the oil and gas sector with key presentations delivered by senior industry figures from Maersk Oil, Petroleum Development Oman and GDF Suez. The two-day programme will build on the success of the 2012 event and discuss recent efforts to bolster protection of highly valuable intellectual property and commercially sensitive information on production, exploration plans and assets.

Speaker Panel includes:

- Claudio Lo Cicero, Head of Global Information Security, Maersk Oil
- Fathiya Al Farsi, Head IM&T Risk Management, Petroleum Development Oman

- Phil Jones, Security and Resilience Manager, GDF Suez E&P UK Ltd
- Annemarie Zielstra, Director, International Relations, Cyber Resilience, TNO
- Geir Arild Engh-Hellesvik, Senior Manager, Technology Risk Services, BDO Norway
- Auke Huistra, Lead Workforce Development PCD IT Security, TNO
- Andrea Rigoni, Director General, GCSEC Global Cyber Security Centre
- Edward Hamilton, Head of Threat and Vulnerability Management, PWC

To view the full speaker line-up and complete two-day programme, visit <http://www.smi-online.co.uk/2013cyber-security17.asp>

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