

Latest attendees include Saudi Aramco & Kuwait Petroleum Corporation at SMI's 7th annual European Shale Gas Conference

The 7th annual conference will bring together an array of developers in the unconventional arena to identify and overcome barriers to project developments.

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Councils that back "[fracking](#)" will get to keep more money in tax revenue as part of an "all-out" drive to promote drilling, Prime Minister David Cameron has said. Local authorities would

receive all the business rates collected from [shale gas](#) schemes - rather than the usual 50%. The government says projects will support 74,000 jobs and reduce bills. Furthermore, Energy Minister Michael Fallon said local councils could benefit by up to £10m per wellhead if shale gas was successfully extracted in their communities, through the 1% levy on revenues. This would be on top of the business rates they would receive from companies involved in drilling. "We want local councils and local people to benefit from this exploration. We expect 20 to 40 wells to be drilled in exploration over the next couple of years and I think it's very important that local communities see some of the benefit".

Against this backdrop, SMI's 7th annual [European Shale Gas](#) conference will explore how shale gas exploration has affected different regions across the world including the US, Australia and Poland with industry insight from Breitling Oil and Gas, PGNiG, BNK Polska SP z. o.o. and BP. Essential findings on what lies ahead for shale development in the UK will also be provided by Reach Coal Seam Gas and Tamboran Resources. The two-day conference programme will bring together an array of developers highlighting the latest developments across the globe, offering lessons learnt from more developed markets.

Key presentations at SMI's 7th annual Unconventional Gas conference include:

- Balancing operational success and stakeholder expectations in the exploration & production



industry

Kamlesh Parmar, CEO, 3Legs Resources

- Best practices for the UK Shale Gas industry- addressing local and environmental concerns
Graham Dean, Managing Director, Reach Coal Seam Gas

- Tackling new opportunities
Tony Bazley, Director , Tamboran Resources

- Global Gas markets trends and the role of unconventional
Kai Dunker, Lead Economist Global Gas Markets, BP

- Industry insight - How can shale gas developments contribute to UK energy security - Lessons learnt from the USA
Chris Faulkner, Chief Executive Officer, Breitling Oil and Gas

- PGNiG Approach to Unconventionals
Marcin Lewenstein, Director, Department of Strategy, PGNiG

To view the full speaker line-up and complete conference programme, visit <http://www.smi-online.co.uk/2014unconventional-gas16.asp>

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