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**CONFERENCE  
WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE  
WORLD PETROLEUM COUNCIL MEETING  
(2 October 2018, Tuesday)**

**“INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES:  
NEW SOLUTIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH”**

**13:00 – 15:00      REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS**

**15:00 – 15:30      OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE AND SPECIAL  
ADDRESSES**  
*Ball Room, Hilton Hotel*

Moderator: Matthew Sagers, Managing Director for Russian and Caspian Energy, IHS CERA

Chair: Timur Kulibayev – Chairman, KAZENERGY Association

- Olga Algayerova - Under-Secretary-General, United Nations (UN), Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
- Tor Fjaeran - President, World Petroleum Council (WPC)
- Andrew Brown - Upstream Director Shell (tbc)

**15:30 – 16:30      CONFERENCE:**  
**“Investment Opportunities: New Solutions for Sustainable Growth”**

Speakers:

- Kanat Bozumbayev – Minister of Energy, Kazakhstan
- Zhenis Kassymbek – Minister of Investments and Development, Kazakhstan (tbc)
- Kairat Kelimbetov – Governor, Astana International Financial Centre (AIFC)
- Akhmetzhan Yessimov – Chairman of the Management Board, “Samruk-Kazyna” National Welfare Fund” JSC (tbc)

Foreign investments make a huge contribution to the emerging economies, including Kazakhstan. Despite the fact that their share in total investment is usually relatively small, foreign investment is one of the main sources of access to technology, capital, management competencies and export markets. Since gaining independence, Kazakhstan has been successfully attracting a considerable amount of foreign investment, which has helped to accelerate the development of the national economy and transition to market relations, especially in the energy sector.

At the same time, over the recent period, Kazakhstan has notably risen in the annual country ranking based on the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Index (EDP). This ranking is widely used to assess countries in terms of the extent to which their regulatory and legal framework is favorable for commercial activity.

According to the Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the expected inflow of investments in the country's energy sector will exceed 17.5 trillion tenge in the period from 2017 to 2025.

The key factor of attraction of investors is the macroeconomic, social and political stability of Kazakhstan. For ensuring favorable economic and social conditions, the government has launched a number of large-scale initiatives, including the Kazakhstan-2050 Strategy, the "Green Bridge" Partnership Program, etc.

*The participants of this Conference will discuss the following topics:*

- National Investment Initiative: Growth Recovery and Stability;
- Revised Regulatory System in the Sector: The Code "On Subsoil and Subsoil Use" and the Tax Code;
- The Future of Investments: How to Maintain Investor Confidence?
- Key Instruments for Effective Protection of Investor Rights and Interests;
- "Green" Investments: The Hidden Potential
- Beyond the Effectiveness: Shell's Experience.

**16:30 – 17:00**      **Q&A**

**17:00 – 17:30**      **PRESS CONFERENCE**  
*Press Center*  
*Entrance by invitation*

**17:30**                **CLOSING**

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