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Arctic Pipeline Integrity Conference to focus on pipeline intelligent pigging

November 9, 2006-Anchorage—The Department of Environmental Conservation, BP Exploration (Alaska), Inc., and ConocoPhillips are hosting a second conference at the Hilton Anchorage Hotel to bring together experts in the field of Arctic pipeline integrity.

The first conference held in October focused on maintenance pigging to remove sediment, water and microbes that facilitate corrosion in the pipelines. The second conference on Monday, November 13, will focus on smart or intelligent pigs which are used to perform in-line inspections (ILI) including measuring pipe wall thickness in their search for pipeline anomalies.

Presentations are scheduled from experts familiar with:

- Current practices, conditions, and limitations for pigging of North Slope pipelines;
- Best practices and recent advances in pigging programs for corrosion management of North Slope pipelines;
- Existing and new tools and techniques for performing in-line inspections, and detecting corrosion of pipelines under Arctic conditions;
- Latest technology in pig designs to assist North Slope pipeline operators in increasing effectiveness of pigging runs and enable pigging of pipelines considered unpiggable; and

- Regulatory requirements and standards for intelligent pigging of North Slope pipelines.

Question and answer sessions will be held with the presenters and an Industry and Regulatory Panel following each presentation. The six presentations will be followed in the afternoon by Industry and Regulatory Panel Discussion Sessions to generate participation between members of the Industry and Regulatory Panel, presenters, service providers, pig manufacturers, and audience. A full agenda for the conference is available at: www.shannonwilson.com/pigging/

Monday's conference is open to the public and the media. Please register on line at: www.signup4.com/pigging Late registration will be offered at the door on November 13. An Exhibit Hall adjacent to the Conference Room will also be available to participants and interested public throughout the day.

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