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**LEADING COMPANIES PARTICIPATING
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GAZPROM-SPONSORED RUSSIA-U.S. ENERGY SYMPOSIUM**

**Event a Premier Industry Gathering Concerning Russia-U.S. Energy
Leaders to Discuss Joint Potential in Achieving Secure and Affordable Energy
Russian Minister of Energy Victor Khristenko to Attend**

HOUSTON – October 20, 2005

Lead by Alexander Medvedev, Deputy Chairman of Gazprom’s Management Committee, and Victor Khristenko, Russia’s Minister of Energy and Industry, an impressive selection of energy and finance companies will participate in the Russia-U.S. Symposium on October 25 in Houston.

Companies include: Shell, ExxonMobil, Sempra, BP, Rosneft, Lukoil, Chevron, Morgan Stanley, United Financial Group/Deutsche Bank, Suez, ConocoPhillips, PetroCanada, TNK-BP, Hydro, Statoil, and many others.

Discussions will focus on the identification of an industry vision of the future for Russian-U.S. energy-related trade and finance, as well as the issues that need to be addressed to achieve that vision. The symposium is structured to facilitate dialog between industry leaders and among attendees.

In sponsoring the gathering, Gazprom’s Medvedev stated, “Our countries -- indeed, the global community -- are concerned about current energy market turmoil and price volatility. It is urgent that we in the industry and government demonstrate that we have the vision and plans to provide long-term, secure, and affordable energy. This symposium will be a catalyst for developing an “Energy Vision to Link our Nations”.

About Gazprom

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