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Singapore's Trade Minister to Address Executives at the Unveiling of the 2009 Platts Top 250 Global Energy Companies

SINGAPORE, October 13, 2009 -- Singapore Senior Minister of State for Trade & Industry and Education Mr. S. Iswaran will deliver the keynote address at the acclaimed Platts Top 250 Global Energy Companies ranking and leadership recognition dinner in Singapore on November 16. The gathering comprises energy company top executives and will take place on the first night of Singapore International Energy Week (SIEW).

"Minister Iswaran has been a champion of Singapore's growth into an energy trading center and the driving force behind the creation of Singapore International Energy Week," said Platts President Larry Neal. "We are honored that he will join us again this year to share his views on the impact of global economic conditions on the energy policies and strategies of Singapore and the Asia-Pacific region."

The Platts Top 250 Global Energy Companies ranking, now in its 8th year, measures corporate leadership by examining each company's financial performance and tracking movement within the ranks of regional companies as their role in the world's global energy sustainability equation increases. Executives of Platts, the world's leading energy and metals information provider, anticipate that the 2009 results will reflect a continued rise in leadership by regional energy companies, particularly those in Asia, and the increasing importance of their contributions to sustainable energy technologies and practices.

"The Platts Top 250 Global Energy Companies Awards and Leadership Dinner is in its fourth year running. This significant event has become widely recognised amongst the region's energy leaders. We are pleased to welcome regional and global energy executives to Singapore. We are excited to celebrate their leadership and performance, and to engage in dialogue on important energy options and strategies for the future," said Mr. S Iswaran.

In addition to announcing the 2009 Platts Top 250 Global Energy Companies, Platts will also recognise the Top 15 Asian Energy Companies, the Top 10 Fastest-Growing Asian Energy Companies, and the Top Asian Energy Companies in each of eight industry segments:

- Diversified utilities
- Exploration and production
- Electric utilities
- Gas utilities
- Integrated oil and gas companies
- Refining and marketing
- Independent power producers

- Coal and consumable fuel companies

Attendance at the [Platts Top 250 Global Energy Companies Awards and Leadership Dinner](#), at the Shangri-La Hotel, Singapore, is open to top energy companies worldwide and to all companies with business interests in Asia. To reserve attendance, view a list of last year's Platts Top 250 roster, or obtain more information, visit <http://www.platts.com/top250/>. Credentialed media may attend the leadership recognition dinner as guests with advance registration at <http://marketing.platts.com/forms/Top250Press>. Television cameras are permitted.

Solarc joins the Platts Top 250 events this year as principal sponsor. Logical Information Machines (LIM) returns as a key sponsor for a fourth consecutive year.

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Note to Editors: List of 2008 Winners

In 2008, the Platts Top 250 ranked ExxonMobil Corporation as #1 globally and PetroChina Co. Ltd as #1 in the Asia/Pacific Rim region. China Resources Power Holdings of Hong Kong was Asia's #1 Fastest Growing Company. In 2008, Asian countries with multiple Top 250 ranked companies include Japan (20), China (13) and India (6). China had five companies in the ranks of the Top 250's Fastest Growing Energy Companies.