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TÜV SÜD America to Provide Silver Sponsorship at the Global Refining Strategies Summit 2009

Peabody, Massachusetts. TÜV SÜD America Inc. announced that its PetroChem Inspection Services and Industry Service divisions will participate as a Silver Sponsor at the [Global Refining Strategies Summit](#) on October 29-30, 2009 at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel & Convention Center in Houston, Texas.

The summit brings together the most knowledgeable and influential leaders in the refining industry to explore strategies, learn about the latest technologies, and discuss the impact of the current economic climate and the challenges faced by the energy industry. Topics include global supply and demand, improving processing efficiency, optimizing operational excellence, and maximizing profitability.

During the Carbon Focus Day on Wednesday, October 28, 2009 at 11:40 p.m., Mr. Gerhard Abel, Vice President, TÜV SÜD America, will present "EPA Mandatory Reporting of Greenhouse Gases Rule." His presentation will cover understanding the FY 2008 Consolidated Appropriations Act (H.R. 2764; Public Law 110-161), determining the regulatory landscape, and assessing the U.S. standards future (ISO 14065).

For more information about Carbon Management services, visit www.TUVamerica.com. For more information about PetroChem Inspection Services, visit www.petrochemintl.com.

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About TÜV SÜD America Industry Service

TÜV SÜD America's Industry Service division offers a variety of global conformity assessment services that help ensure a product's acceptance and success in the global marketplace. Industry Service's full suite of services includes engineering, construction and repair services for the power and process industries, carbon management, greenhouse gas services, consulting, third-party inspection, testing & certification. The group is currently participating in the ANSI pilot program for ISO 14065 accreditation. The Industry Service division also provides Notified Body services through its parent organization TÜV SÜD Group, a Notified Body for the PED and TPED, and other EU Directives.

About PetroChem Inspection Services, Inc.

PetroChem Inspection Services, a subsidiary of TÜV SÜD America, has been synonymous with quality inspection services for over 30 years, offering Non-Destructive Examination and Testing services (NDE/NDT) to refining, petrochemical, and other process-related industries. As a provider of visual inspection, both on-stream and turnaround, PetroChem is one of the largest employers of API Inspectors in the United States. In addition, PetroChem

provides a full range of tank inspection services, mechanical integrity programs, turnaround management, and comprehensive non-destructive testing such as ultrasonic, magnetic particle, radiographic, and eddy current. PetroChem is headquartered in Pasadena, Texas and has over 400 employees.