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DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NATURAL GAS INDUSTRY

An Offshore Producers perspective

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The routine or continuous measurement and interpretation of data to indicate the condition of an item

An Offshore Producers perspective

Marathon Oil Ireland Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Marathon Oil Corporation, has produced natural gas from its Celtic Sea reservoirs since 1978. The presentation opens with an overview of how oil and natural gas are discovered and produced. This is followed by a brief history and description of Marathon's operations in Ireland including, in particular, that of its Celtic Sea production and gas gathering infrastructure. Finally, with production levels having declined to less than 20% of their historic highs, the presentation concludes with a discussion of the role that the Celtic Sea infrastructure can play in providing for Ireland's longer term security of supply requirement.

A Secure Energy for the Future

Bord Gáis is a state-owned company with two main business streams – Networks and Energy Supply. The Networks business is responsible for the development, operation and maintenance of the gas pipelines as well as the provision of gas transportation services to all shippers/suppliers.

The presentation focuses on the topical issue of security of gas supplies, reviewing the diverse supply sources and transportation infrastructures being developed in the global market for gas. Closer to home, the presentation gives details of the Irish gas infrastructure and planned investments in new UK import sources. An overview is given of the developing commercial and operational regimes to serve an all-Island gas market, the role of natural gas within the Irish energy market, and future influences on wholesale gas prices.

Date:	Tuesday 21st February 2006
Venue:	Rochestown Park Hotel
Time:	8.00 p.m. (sharp)

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