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### **PetroChina Applies for Membership in The Sulphur Institute**

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, September 8, 2008 — The Sulphur Institute (TSI) announced today that PetroChina International Company Limited, a subsidiary of one of the world's largest energy companies, PetroChina Company Limited, has applied for membership in the international organization devoted to representing the sulphur industry with programs to include: Environment, Health and Safety, Transportation, Regulations, and Logistics, Sulphur Advocacy and Sulphur Information and Image. Based in Beijing, PetroChina engages in a wide range of oil and natural gas activities to include sulphur trading.

Ms. Catherine Randazzo, president and CEO, TSI, commented, "China is no stranger to the sulphur industry, being the world's largest consumer and PetroChina will only grow in prominence on the world scene with its sulphur activities." Mr. Song Qiuyang, general manager of chemical department, noted that at today's meeting with Ms. Randazzo, "We discussed TSI's programs and achievements for the sulphur industry and confirmed our interest in experiencing the benefits of membership, supporting TSI and becoming active within the organization."

Founded in 1960, The Sulphur Institute is a non-profit organization representing all stakeholders actively engaged in buying, selling, handling, transporting or adding value to sulphur. Its 36 member companies are based in Asia, Europe, the Middle East and North America. For more information about TSI visit [www.sulphurinstitute.org](http://www.sulphurinstitute.org), or contact Mr. Donald Messick, The Sulphur Institute, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 612, Washington, DC 20036, USA. Telephone: 1 202 331 9586; facsimile: 1 202 293 2940; E-mail: [DMessick@sulphurinstitute.org](mailto:DMessick@sulphurinstitute.org).

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*Important Style Notes to Editors:*

- *Sulfur is the preferred spelling in the United States, but the formal name of The Sulphur Institute is spelled with a "ph."*