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Renown Standard Chartered Bank Economist to Speak at TSI's *Sulphur World Symposium 2010*

WASHINGTON, DC, March 16, 2010 — Marios Maratheftis, regional head of research for Middle East, North Africa and Pakistan, Standard Chartered Bank, will provide the plenary speech at The Sulphur Institute's (TSI) *Sulphur World Symposium 2010*, April 12-15, 2010 in Doha, Qatar. Nearly 200 delegates from a host of nations will attend.

Maratheftis is an expert on the economy and financial markets. He has served as an advisor for the Central Bank of Cyprus on foreign exchange. For Standard Chartered, he has had an active role in managing their foreign exchange portfolio. The graduate of the University of Warwick, United Kingdom has earned his masters of science in economics and finance as well as a bachelor of science in economics.

"We are privileged to have a world economic speaker so well-known for his accurate forecasts and engrossing presentations", remarked Catherine Randazzo, TSI president and CEO. "Given the turmoil with recent economic events, Mr. Maratheftis promises to provide thought-provoking comments", she added.

Chris de Brey, TSI's own economist, spoke to the talents of Maratheftis. Further, de Brey commented on the comprehensive program confirmed for the three-day event. "We recognize the value companies are seeking, especially in today's environment. I fully expect delegates will leave the symposium well-versed on the challenges facing the industry and what to expect as they tackle their future business decisions", noted de Brey. Topics and speakers can be viewed at TSI's website devoted to the event: www.sulphurinstitute.org/symposium10/.

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