



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Douglas-Westwood and ICEC Take Lead as Speakers for TSI's Sulphur World Symposium 2011**

WASHINGTON, DC, September 29, 2010 — The Sulphur Institute (TSI) announced today that Steven Kopits, head of Douglas-Westwood's New York City office, and Dick van Meurs, managing director of United Kingdom, president and chief executive officer of International Commodities Export Corporation (ICEC) Limited Sarl Luxembourg will be at the forefront as speakers at *Sulphur World Symposium 2011*. "Our April 11-14 event in New York City is well on its way to be an informative and thought-provoking event for the sulphur and related industries with confirmation of speakers, Steve Kopits and Dick van Meurs. Both are well-regarded as experts in their respective businesses," remarked Catherine Randazzo, TSI president and CEO.

Chris de Brey, TSI's supervisor, statistical services, commented, "In a recent interview, Kopits spoke about the latest recession and the concept of peak oil. Douglas-Westwood, long-time and highly respected energy consultants, monitor correlations between recessions and oil prices and have noted the trigger of oil consumption in the United States hitting 4% of GDP to cause a recession and reduce oil consumption. Kopits and his company are also well-versed on the natural gas outlook and even have some sound policy suggestions for governments. Not one to be missed!"

Randazzo noted, "For years we have been hearing about all these energy projects coming in the Caspian Sea. Lately the trade press is not just reporting about Kazakhstan, but more and more about other countries in the region. Just this week, Turkmenistan was referenced several times. This region is set to add vast volumes of sulphur to the market, or will it be to storage? Dick van Meurs will have the latest developments...and it promises to be accurate given Dick's hands-on knowledge!"

Details continue to be added daily to [TSI's Sulphur World Symposium 2011 website](#). The global industry association's annual symposium attracts all stakeholders actively engaged in producing, buying, selling, handling, transporting, or adding value to sulphur.

The Sulphur Institute was founded in 1960 and serves the international sulphur industry with programs in transportation regulations and logistics; environment, health and safety; advocacy; and information and image. For more information about TSI membership, programs and contributions to the industry, contact Chris deBrey, The Sulphur Institute, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 612, Washington, DC 20036, USA. Telephone: +1 202 331 9660; facsimile: +1 202 293 2940; E-mail: [CdeBrey@sulphurinstitute.org](mailto:CdeBrey@sulphurinstitute.org), Website: [www.sulphurinstitute.org](http://www.sulphurinstitute.org).

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