CONFERENCE PROVISIONAL AGENDA (as of 7 April)

Monday, 15 April 2013, Majan Ballroom

OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY OF THE GCC SUPPLY CHAIN & LOGISTICS CONFERENCE

8:00 – 8:45 Registration & Welcome Coffee / Tea

8:45 – 9:00 Recitation of the Holy Quran

9:00 – 9:05 Welcoming Remarks from the organizer & Introduction of VIP Keynote Speakers

9:05 – 10:15 VIP Keynote Speeches

Keynote Speakers:
- H.E. Dr. Ahmed bin Mohammed bin Salim Al Futaisi, Minister of Transport & Communication, Sultanate of Oman
- H.E. Melanie Schultz van Haegen, Minister of Infrastructure and the Environment, Kingdom of the Netherlands
- Roger Agnelli, Founding Partner and CEO of AGN Holdings and the Chairman of B&A Mining
- Robert D. Kaplan, Chief Geopolitical Analyst for Stratfor, Named by Foreign Policy Magazine as among the world’s “100 Top Global Thinkers”, Author of “Monsoon” and Journalist (Followed by Q&A)

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10:15 – 10:45 Exhibitions Tour with the Chief Guest, Distinguished Guest and Diplomatic Corp (Followed by Refreshments)

OMAN: THE LOGISTICS GATEWAY FROM THE INDIAN OCEAN INTO THE GCC

10:45 – 10:50 Chairperson’s Opening Remarks
Robert Gruendel, Partner, Global Chair Energy Sector, Co-chair US Shipping and Maritime Sector, DLA Piper, US

10:50 – 11:10 Dynamic Supply Chains: Creating Value by Design in Volatile Market Conditions
Dr. John Gattorna, Global Supply Chain Thought Leader, Author & Executive Chairman, Gattorna Alignment, Australia

11:10 – 11:30 Innovations in Logistics: Relevant both for the Netherlands and Oman
Willem Heeren MSc, Chairman, DINALOG - Dutch Institute for Advance Logistics

Moderator: Robert Gruendel, Partner, Global Chair Energy Sector, Co-chair US Shipping and Maritime Sector, DLA Piper, US
1:30 – 2:30  Official Launching of “Expedition Oman” – Viewing of a special 50 minutes documentary film about the real life tale of the shipwreck of the Dutch East India ship ‘Amstelveen’ at Ras Madrakah, the survival trek of 30 castaways, and their encounters with Omanis 250 years ago.

3:00 – 4:30  Bilateral Omani-Netherlands Roundtable Discussion on Transport & Logistics – (Pearl Room)

CONCURRENT ACTIVITIES, QANTAB ROOM – (BY INVITATION ONLY)

THE FUTURE OF AIRLINE INDUSTRY & SUPPLY CHAIN LOGISTICS

1:40 – 2:30  Sea-Air Logistics Panel: Exploring the Potentials

Opening remarks from the Moderator: H.E. Eng. Salim Al Aufi, CEO, Public Authority for Civil Aviation, Oman

Panelists:
- Peter Ford, CEO, Port of Salalah*
- Senior executive from Oman Air*
- Senior executive from Oman Airports Management Co.*
- Senior expert from Ernst & Young*

2:30 – 2:35  Wrap-up and End of Day One Conference

2:35  Lunch & Networking

4:00 – 5:00  Public Premier of “Expedition Oman”

7:30  Gala Dinner (Majan Ballroom) – Sponsored by:
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8:00 – 9:00 Registration & Welcome Coffee / Tea

9:00 – 9:10 Chairperson’s Opening Remarks, Recap of Previous Day Proceedings & Introductions of Keynote Speakers
Micheal A. Bedke, Co-Chair of the Rail Sector, Partner, DLA Piper, US

9:10 – 9:20 Keynote Speaker:
H.E. Eng Ahmed bin Hassan Al Dheeb, Undersecretary, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Oman

SUPPLY CHAIN LOGISTICS WITH EMPHASIS ON SME DEVELOPMENT & JOB CREATION
Opening remarks from the Moderator: Warith Al Kharusi, Chairman, Oman Logistics & Supply Chain Association
Panelist:
- Said Al Masoudi, Acting CEO, Sohar Aluminium
- Mohammed Ghareebi, ICV Manager, Petroleum Development Oman
- Malak al Shaibani, Director, National Business Centre, Oman
- Dr. Abdullah Al Zakwani, Director, Industrial Innovation Center, Oman

10:20 – 10:50 Refreshment, Networking & Exhibition Tour

THE GAME CHANGER – OMAN & GCC RAILWAY PROJECT
10:50 – 11:50 Current Status and Future of the Oman-GCC Railway Project
Abdulrahman Al Hatmi, Director, Oman Railway Project
Experiences and Lessons Learned from EU Perspective
Anders Lundberg, Senior Consultant Vectura, Stockholm & Former Director of Swedish Rail

Micheal A. Bedke, Co-Chair of the Rail Sector, Partner, DLA Piper, US
Topic to be announced soon
Senior executive from Etihad Rail, UAE

11:50 – 12:35 Railway Panel: Pan GCC Railway Project – Challenges & Opportunities
This panel discussion will look into emerging opportunities that comes along the development of the Pan GCC Railway Project and discuss important issues and challenges which are likely to arise during the course.
Opening Presentations from the Chairperson: Micheal A. Bedke, Co-Chair of the Rail Sector, Partner, DLA Piper, US
Panelist:
- Abdulrahman Al Hatmi, Director, Oman Railway Project
- Anders Lundberg, Senior Consultant, Vectura, Stockholm & Former Director of Swedish Rail
- Senior executive from Etihad Rail, UAE

Key Discussion Points:
- Overview on emerging opportunities in the Pan GCC Railway Project
- The need in establishing a common GCC-level technical, legal and regulatory framework – issues & challenges

12:35 – 1:00 Prayer Break, Refreshment & Networking

STRATEGIES & TECHNOLOGY TO SUPPORT TRADE FACILITATION
1:00 – 1:20 Present & Future Development in Customs
Senior official from the Royal Oman Police & Customs*

1:20 – 1:40 The Role of National Single Window in Customs & Trade Facilitation – Best Practices from GCC / Asian Economies
Ian Michael Hogg, Manager - Trade Facilitation Centre of Excellence Domains & Technology, CrimsonLogic, Singapore

1:40 – 2:00 Q&A, Wrap-up and Closing Remarks by the Chairman
End of the Conference & Lunch

*Invited – waiting for official confirmation

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