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**ASIS International Announces Saudi Aramco to Sponsor the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Middle East Security Conference and Exhibition**

**Brussels, 28 January 2011** –ASIS International is pleased to announce Saudi Aramco, the state-owned oil company of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, will be the Diamond sponsor of ASIS International 2<sup>nd</sup> Middle East Security Conference & Exhibition, which is set for 20-22 February 2011 in Manama, Bahrain. This marks the second, consecutive year of sponsorship for the company.

ASIS International President Raymond T. O'Hara, CPP, said. *"We are extremely pleased with the continued support of Saudi Aramco, one of the leading companies in the Middle East. Their support is an important added value to the educational offerings of the ASIS International in the region."*

Talking on the conference Bader Al-Qadran, General Manager, Industrial Security Operations of Saudi Aramco said: *"Saudi Aramco security employees have been associated with ASIS International for more than three decades and it has helped in providing training and development of security professionals in the Company. Participation in ASIS has helped security professionals in the Company to interact with their counterparts from other major companies and broaden their knowledge on latest security systems and technologies. Several employees have been utilising the learning opportunities available with ASIS and have become Certified Protection Professionals (CPP), Physical Security Professionals (PSP) and Professional Certified Investigators (CPI), all in which have helped them enhance their productivity, job knowledge, and career advancement."*

This support from Saudi Aramco is reinforced by the presence of Mr. Abdulaziz F. Al-Khayyal, senior vice president, Industrial Relations, as a keynote speaker and of Mr. John Knight, CPP, security consultant, as a breakout speaker.

ASIS International 2<sup>nd</sup> Middle-East Security Conference & Exhibition will take place under the patronage of H.E. Lieutenant General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, the minister of interior of the Kingdom of Bahrain. It will cover a wide range of security issues in 33 high-level educational sessions divided over three parallel tracks. The conference will also include sessions for Chief Security Officers (CSOs) organised by the CSO Roundtable of ASIS International.

Special rates apply to representatives from government, police and military authorities.

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**About Saudi Aramco:**

The Saudi Arabian Oil Company (Saudi Aramco), the state-owned oil company of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, is a fully-integrated, global petroleum enterprise and a world leader in exploration and producing, refining, distribution, shipping and marketing. The company manages proven reserves of 260.1 billion barrels of crude oil and it manages the fourth-largest gas reserves in the world, 275.2 trillion cubic feet. Saudi Aramco employs more than 56,000 people and is headquartered in Dhahran in Saudi Arabia's Eastern Province, which borders the Arabian Gulf.