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OIL AND GAS EXECUTIVES TAP THUNDERBIRD’S GLOBAL EXPERTISE
Advanced Management Program for Oil and Gas Industry Executives to be held Nov. 9-20

(GLENDALE, Ariz.) Oct. 14, 2009 — Thunderbird School of Global Management is offering the 14th annual Advanced Management Program for Oil and Gas Industry Executives on Thunderbird’s Glendale, Ariz. campus Nov. 9-20. The rigorous two-week schedule is designed to give senior-level managers the leadership and management skills they need to drive their organizations to success in today’s global energy marketplace. Past participants include executives from ConocoPhillips, Exxon Mobil Corporation, ChevronTexaco, ARCO British Ltd. and Abu Dhabi National Oil Company.

The program uses current oil and gas industry examples to examine how management strategies and styles have changed as companies and workforces become more global and diverse. Since the annual program began in 1995, nearly 300 participants from top global companies in the sector have completed the program. Thunderbird has specialized in and run this program as well as consultative and custom programs in the oil and gas industry for more than 20 years.

The Thunderbird faculty will be led by the Academic Director of the program and William D. Hacker Chair Professor of Management, Kannan Ramaswamy, Ph.D. Ramaswamy is an award-winning executive educator whose teaching and research interests span corporate diversification, mergers and acquisitions, e-business, privatization, executive compensation, joint ventures and corporate governance.

Other Professors teaching in the program include J. Kenneth & Jeannette Seward Chair in Global Strategy, Professor Emeritus Ed Barrett, Ph.D. and Continental Grain Professorship in Finance Professor Michael Moffett, Ph.D. Barrett has studied global oil and gas for more than 20 years and has led the effort to establish Thunderbird Corporate Learning as a world leader in executive education with special expertise in the industry. Moffett is an expert in financial management issues in the oil and gas industry. His expertise has been tapped by multinational firms around the world.

Participants will have the opportunity to analyze oil and gas firms and their strategies, discuss industry-specific hot topics, learn how to position their firm, role and functional area within a broader strategic and competitive framework, enhance their ability to relate to and work with other managers from diverse backgrounds, and network with industry experts from around the globe (non-U.S. managers account for approximately 75 percent of any given participant group). The content focuses on four core principles: strategy, corporate finance and accounting, leadership and negotiations.

Interested participants may sign up online at www.thunderbird.edu/AMP or contact Joe Patterson, assistant vice president of Executive Education Programs at joe.patterson@thunderbird.edu or by phone at 602-978-7437.

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and committed global citizens, Thunderbird was the first graduate business school to adopt an official Professional Oath of Honor. Thunderbird is sought out by graduate students, working professionals and companies worldwide seeking to gain the leadership skills they need to succeed in today’s global economy. For more about Thunderbird, please visit: www.thunderbird.edu.

Thunderbird’s offerings
Thunderbird offers a wide range of global management graduate degrees and certificate programs for full-time students, working professionals, distance learners and companies, including Full-time, Executive, Evening and Distance-learning MBAs, a Master of Science, a Master of Arts and a comprehensive suite of executive education programs. The school is also home of the Thunderbird Knowledge Network, the school’s hub of research and cutting-edge global business knowledge that includes six centers of excellence focused on cultures and languages, global mindset, ethics and corporate citizenship, global financial services, global private equity and global entrepreneurship.