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**CWC GROUP WINS QUEEN'S AWARD FOR ENTERPRISE –
INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

- *The first conference, exhibition and training company to win the award twice*
- *Group has hosted over 600 events since being established in 1997*

The CWC Group (CWC) announced today that it has won the Queen's Award for Enterprise – International Trade for the second time, one of the most coveted awards in UK industry. These awards are made by the Queen on the advice of the Prime Minister, assisted by an Advisory Committee and recognise the winners for being among the most successful companies in the UK and for their outstanding achievement in international trade.

CWC specialises in energy & infrastructure, providing products and solutions aimed at creating investment opportunities, developing knowledge and human capital for the oil, gas, power, water and infrastructure industry linked to oil and gas rich economies. CWC achieves its aims through, government summits, executive training, strategic conferences trade exhibitions.

The Group operates globally and over the last 14 years its events have become widely acknowledged within the energy community for their quality, prestigious level of government officials and senior corporate delegation.

Commenting on the award, CEO Matthew Burden, said: "Our achievement and growth over the last few years has been particularly special due to the fact that we have operated through a period of global recession, low oil prices and scarce project finance. Therefore we are extremely proud and honoured to have won the award for a second time. I feel our success really comes down to two key elements, our integrity and long term commitment to the countries & industries in which we work and secondly the fact we continually look to innovate and add value to both our public and private based clients. In order to build on these foundations CWC followed a strategy to increase its investment in new business and staff development."

Burden highlighted that CWC has always followed a strategy to work in joint ventures with local partners throughout the world, including ministries, state companies, industry associations and commercial companies such as the International Gas Union, American Gas Association, Royal Commission (Saudi), Ecopetrol (Colombia), Petrobras (Brazil), Ministry of Water & Electricity (Saudi), NNPC (Nigeria), Kuwait Petroleum Company, Petronas (Malaysia).

He concluded, "CWC differs from others in that we look to be a pioneer, helping markets establish, rather than just looking to work in markets when they are established. Being in a market from the start simply reinforces our foundations of commitment, innovation and adding value to clients."

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