



PRESS RELEASE

Energy boost for Aberdeenshire primary schools

Every primary school in Aberdeenshire is to get a brand new learning resource about energy and the environment. Several hundred copies of the newly-published DK book 'Oil and Natural Gas' have been gifted to the schools by TOTAL E&P UK and the Society of Petroleum Engineers Aberdeen Section (SPE).

Local MP, Sir Robert Smith, will be present when Jeb Tyrie, SPE Aberdeen Chairman and Sandra McIntosh of TOTAL E&P UK give a copy of 'Oil and Natural Gas' to children of Dunnottar Primary School on Tuesday 30th September. Aberdeenshire Council will be represented by Councillor Isobel Davidson, Vice Chair of the Education, Learning and Leisure Committee.

Jeb Tyrie, SPE Aberdeen Section chairman, said "It's a great book and very topical, at this time when energy-related topics are such a focus for news and current affairs. We are sure it's going to be a useful additional source of information for the kids to enjoy reading and referencing for their work and projects."

Sandra McIntosh, Communication Adviser, TOTAL E&P UK said, "We are delighted to co-sponsor this initiative with SPE Aberdeen. The publication is an excellent resource for teachers and pupils alike when researching oil and gas projects. By introducing pupils at an early age will hopefully encourage them to develop their interest in energy matters and consider a career within the industry."

"Aberdeenshire Council is delighted to accept the generous donation of these books which will be very well received in our schools. We have a very productive relationship with the energy sector and this generosity by TOTAL E&P UK and SPE Aberdeen is an example of how the private sector can work with education to help provide exciting opportunities for our young people" added Bruce Robertson, OBE Director of Education, Learning and Leisure.

"This book is an opportunity for primary schools to find out what happens out of sight, in the North Sea every day," added Sir Robert Smith, MP and Vice-chair of the all-party oil and gas group at Westminster.

TOTAL E&P UK and SPE Aberdeen continually support the communities in which they operate and, in particular, sponsor initiatives that encourage schools to learn and understand the history and future of the energy industry and the vital role it plays today. TOTAL E&P UK invites classes undertaking project work inspired by the book to get in touch, as there may be an opportunity for some of the company's registered school Ambassadors to provide support.

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Note to editors:

“**Oil and Natural Gas**” is SPE’s first educational book for students. Featuring topics such as deepsea drilling, deepwater technology, global oil, fuel for electricity, oil substitutes, and a world of job opportunities, this hardbound book is a comprehensive introduction to the history and uses for oil.

Via this link you can see a few example pages of the book and the contents:

http://www.energy4me.org/sources/oilgas/oil_and_natural_gas_book.htm

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The **Society of Petroleum Engineers** in the UK, (SPE) has around 4000 members, each of whom is affiliated to one of three Sections in Aberdeen, London and Great Yarmouth. Between them they represent the many disciplines involved in petroleum engineering.

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY:

You are invited to send a photographer –

10.30am Tuesday 30th September, Dunnottar Primary School, High Street, Stonehaven

Sir Robert Smith MP will be present when Jeb Tyrie and Sandra McIntosh give a copy of the book to children of Dunnottar Primary School. Two recent graduates from TEP UK will demonstrate TOTAL’s reservoir pressure model with the help of the children.