

Russia Update: Expanding Your Business In a Challenging Economic Environment

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Featuring:

**The Honorable
Nikolay Babich
Consul General of Russia**

**Mr. Jeroen Herpels,
Product Manager
ExxonMobil Chemicals**

**Mr. Andrew Pidgirsky
Partner, Adams and
Reese**



Tuesday, February 24, 2009

8:00 AM -12:00 Breakfast and Presentations
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Agenda:

- 8:00 a.m. – Registration & Breakfast served (For full Agenda, see attachment)
- 8:30 a.m. – 11:45 Russia Overview: Consul General of Russia
 - Introductions: Duaine Priestley, Director, USDOC in Houston
 - Mr. Jeroen Herpels: ExxonMobil Chemicals, 10 years in Russia
 - Mr. Andrew Pidgirsky: Legal Consideration and Business Environment
 - Elena Bepalova, Russia Business Council of Houston

Overview:

Following changes in Russia is not easy, especially in the currently economic climate. Implementing a strategy to deal with the challenges of the Russian market can be made easier by understanding who the significant players are and how they operate. Russia will be a long-term player in the oil and gas market, and Russian interests in American equipment and service providers continue to grow. The speakers at this seminar will share their knowledge and insight of the market and strategies to deal with a changing commercial landscape with focus on oil and gas and future growth. Please join us for this networking event.

Pre-registration deadline: Monday February 23, 2009

Cost is \$45 for non-Trade Club. International Trade Club Members – Complimentary

To register, **fax** the completed form below with credit card details to: the International Trade Center at **fax: 832-448-0189**.

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