

Driven by Up/Mid-Stream Liquids-Rich Transactions, US Leads Global Energy M&A

New S&P Capital IQ Report says Familiar List of Key Players Returns for More in 2012

NEW YORK, April 26, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- M&A in the energy sector had a record year in 2011 and activity in 2012 already appears to be keeping up the same pace, according to a report issued today by S&P Capital IQ, a leader in multi-asset class market research, data solutions and portfolio risk analytics. The report, entitled *Global Energy M&A Trends* and written by S&P Capital IQ Solutions Architect, Kenneth Wee, can be found [here](#).

According to Wee's research, on a global basis, over \$250 billion in energy M&A transactions were announced or completed in 2011. Of that volume about \$200 billion of the transactions were U.S. or Canadian companies. Wee sees this trend continuing in 2012, with the lion's share of activity taken up by the same list of key players.

"In 2011 as competition for production assets increased, the path to growth for oil and gas producers came from developing unconventional resources," says Wee. "It appears that 2012 will not be any different, barring a new geopolitical crisis."

Wee's report notes that rising demand as well as increasing competition from national oil companies (NOCs) has led to exceptionally high levels of asset purchases in North America, which has large amounts of well-identified but undeveloped shale and tight gas reserves. As a result, activity in North America surpassed activity in all other regions in 2011 and this is not expected to change in 2012 if oil prices remain high.

In developing this report, Wee and the Solutions Architects team used proprietary S&P Capital IQ data, technology, and expertise to identify and understand trends affecting key players in this industry. The first section highlights key M&A drivers coming out of 2011 and into 2012. The second section looks at the deals in 2012 so far, and considers who might be active this year, with further leverage from a new proprietary "Find Buyer" tool.

Global Energy M&A Trends is part of an ongoing series of analytical reports provided by the Solutions Architects team of S&P Capital IQ and made available over [S&P Global Credit Portal](#) and [standardandpoors.com](#).

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