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**Stephen Wright Joins Solomon Associates’
U.K. Office as Senior Consultant**
*Performance improvement consultant brings three decades
of experience in the petroleum refining industry.*

DALLAS, February 19, 2010 -- Solomon Associates, the leading performance improvement company for the global energy industry, today announced that Stephen Wright has joined the company’s U.K. office as senior consultant. Wright brings a significant background in petroleum refining, including both consulting and hands-on operational experience.

“As our clients know, Solomon Associates’ analysts and consultants are steeped in hands-on operational experience in the global energy industry -- far exceeding the field experience of competing management consulting firms,” said Dale Emanuel, president of Solomon Associates. “Stephen is a great example of this. He is a wonderful addition to our team, and we’re delighted to have him on board.”

Most recently, Wright served as vice president of process consulting in Europe, the Middle East and Africa for a major U.K.-based petroleum industry consultancy, where his responsibilities included managing a 32-member team delivering strategy, process optimization and design projects. During Wright’s tenure, he served in a variety of senior management roles, including vice president for operational excellence and vice president for reliability, availability and maintenance.

Prior to consulting, Wright served in management roles for Exxon at its U.K. refinery at Fawley during a 15-year career. Among his responsibilities, Wright oversaw the operations of the refinery’s lubes complex.

Wright is a chartered engineer and has a bachelor of science in chemical engineering from Imperial College London.

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