

## **Report of student who attended the IRO course 'Oil & gas well sourced'**

On the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of April 2009, I participated the course 'Oil & gas well sourced' given by the IRO. I am a 4<sup>th</sup> year student at the University of Amsterdam and I study International Business.

For my thesis I have to analyse the oil and gas industry and this course has definitely helped me a lot. I can highly recommend this course for people who would like to know more about the oil and gas industry in general. It is very useful to people who work in the oil and gas industry, but also for people who provide products and services to the sector.

On the first day of the course a lot of information was given about the oil and gas industry in general. Where does oil come from? What is the history of the oil industry? How does exploration and drilling works?

The second day was more about the production of oil, the transportation of oil and the future of the oil and gas industry. The different offshore drilling platforms were presented in detail and with clear pictures. In the afternoon there was a tour around the shipping dock. I think it was amazing to see the different drilling platforms, the environment of the shipping dock and the smell of the yard. I've seen pictures of many drilling platforms before, but when you see it in real life, it's really something else!

Before I took this course I tried to find some of the information myself and I have to say that it is not easy at all. I was very surprised about the content of this course as it is very complete. The presentation was clear and understanding and the illustrations also helped a lot. I think this course is really educational and gives all the information you need about the oil and gas industry.