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US-TURKMENISTAN BUSINESS COUNCIL



American Business Delegation Announces the First-ever American Business Mission to Turkmenistan

(Washington, DC) The US Turkmenistan Business Council announced today that the members of the Council will lead a 3 day mission to Turkmenistan to further explore investment and trade opportunities. The mission will be held from June 14 – 16th and will coincide with the inaugural Annual Bilateral Consultations (ABC) between the Government of Turkmenistan and the Government of the United States of America. The ABC will be led by U.S. Department of State’s Assistant Secretary for South and Central Asia Affairs Robert O. Blake.

“With the fourth largest gas reserves in the world, Turkmenistan has the potential to be a significant economic powerhouse in Central Asia and we are excited to have been invited by President Berdimuhamedov to explore how American companies will work with the Government of Turkmenistan to realize this potential,” said Eric Stewart, Executive Director of the U.S. Turkmenistan Business Council. “During President Berdimuhamedov’s first speech in the U.S. as President in 2007, the President personally called on the American business community to first develop a business council, and then bring a mission to his country. Working with the U.S. business community has been one of the President’s top priorities and we are directly responding to his vision of developing stronger ties between the United States and Turkmenistan,” added Stewart.

The U.S. Turkmenistan Business Council’s maiden business mission to Turkmenistan serves as a strong signal that Turkmenistan has been identified as a priority market for major American investors with a specific focus on energy, agri-business, aerospace, technology and infrastructure.

The Members of the U.S. Turkmenistan Business Council include: Belam, Inc., The Boeing Company, Ceka Energy, Case New Holland, Caterpillar Inc., Chevron, ConocoPhillips, ExxonMobil, General Electric, Haynes & Boone, LLP, Honeywell, John Deere, KBR (Kellogg Brown Root), Marathon Oil Corporation, and Parker Drilling Company.

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