



## The Gas Forum appoints David Cox as its first MD

**London, 17 January 2012:** The Gas Forum is pleased to announce that it has appointed David Cox as the association's first managing director. The role was created in recognition of the challenges faced by the gas industry, to strengthen its strategic resources.

"The Gas Forum needs to focus on several key issues that will shape the future of the gas industry" said David Faragher, Chair of the Gas Forum. "In the UK we have to challenge any misconceptions that gas cannot play a major role in contributing to the long term carbon reduction policy objective. We must ensure that gas is not squeezed out of the energy market by misdirected policies. In Europe, we need to ensure that the views and interests of UK industry are properly represented across the broad range of EU led policy initiatives. We recognised that we needed an individual who could spearhead these initiatives and David's credentials fulfil this perfectly."

A recognised international gas expert, David Cox has over 30 years' experience of the energy sector, including production, shipping, policy and regulation. Currently a director of London Energy Consulting, a role that he will continue alongside the Gas Forum, David is able to bring direct experience of international energy strategy and policy, together with insight into environmental issues and renewable technology.

"The future - though challenging is exciting – gas advocacy is a priority for the industry, as is safeguarding UK interests in Europe. Gas is expected to become the most important fuel in the future and the Gas Forum will make sure that its many advantages are understood by all. Drawing on the synergies offered by other parts of my career, I am confident that I will be able to advance the interests of the Gas Forum effectively."

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### Notes for editors

- Established in 1994, the Gas Forum is a membership association representing the views of *gas shippers* and *suppliers* active in the UK market. Membership includes both the larger players in the gas market and smaller participants, ensuring truly representative views are communicated to regulatory and government bodies in the UK and Europe. [www.gasforum.co.uk](http://www.gasforum.co.uk)
- David Cox's summary CV**

Current	Director, London Energy Consulting Ltd
2007 – 2010	President, Management Consulting – Pöyry Energy
2003 – 2007	Managing Director, ILEX Energy Consulting/Pöyry Energy (Oxford) Ltd
1999 – 2003	Director, ILEX Energy Consulting
1995 – 1999	Principal Consultant, ILEX Energy Consulting
1981 - 1995	British Gas - Business Regulation Manager plus numerous other roles