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Geothermal Energy Association Reviews Industry's Global Position as Members Gather for 2010 World Geothermal Congress

Washington DC (April, 26, 2010) – As global leaders from the geothermal industry gather this week in Bali for 2010 World Geothermal Congress, the Geothermal Energy Association reports that the U.S. geothermal market continues to lead the world in power capacity, outpacing other countries in both geothermal power on-line and new projects under development. According to papers prepared for the conference, the US has over 3,000 MW of installed geothermal capacity and produces enough geothermal energy to avoid approximately 18.8 million tonnes of CO₂ emissions annually. In terms of installed geothermal capacity the U.S. ranks first worldwide, with the Philippines coming in second with an installed geothermal capacity at 1,902 MW.

“The World Geothermal Congress provides the opportunity to review the United States’ leading position in geothermal power production, however the full potential of this vast resource has yet to be fully tapped both in the United States and abroad,” said GEA Executive Director Karl Gawell. “There is a growing demand for sustainable energy across the planet, and geothermal power provides baseload electricity, providing a clean, renewable energy source that has the potential to create jobs and preserve the environment across the planet.”

Among the delegates gathering this week in Bali are Geothermal Energy Association (GEA) member companies including TurboCare, Atlas Copco, Geothermal Development Associates, Mitsubishi, Ormat, Tiger Energy Services, Baker Hughes, POWER Engineers, Inc., Halliburton, Schlumberger, and Pratt & Whitney Power Systems.

The United States remains the world leader in online geothermal energy capacity and continues to be one of the principal countries to increase its geothermal growth. The US has a total installed capacity of 3086.6 MW and in their recently released *April 2010 US Geothermal Power Production and Development Update*, GEA detailed 26% growth in new projects under development in the United States in the past year, with 188 projects underway which could produce as much as 7,875 MW of new electric power.

Next month GEA will release its highly anticipated *Global Geothermal Power Production and Development Update* and on May 21, GEA will be hosting the Global Geothermal Showcase and Forum at The Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, DC. At the event, leading developers, researchers and policy makers will discuss this growing industry and showcase the latest technologies that are spurring the dramatic growth of geothermal power. For more information, visit <http://www.geo-energy.org/>.

About the Geothermal Energy Association:

The Geothermal Energy Association (GEA) is a trade association composed of U.S. companies who support the expanded use of geothermal energy and are developing geothermal resources worldwide for electrical power generation and direct-heat uses. GEA advocates for public policies that will promote the development and utilization of geothermal resources, provides a forum for the industry to discuss issues and problems, encourages research and development to improve geothermal technologies, presents industry views to governmental organizations, provides assistance for the export of geothermal goods and services, compiles statistical data about the geothermal industry, and conducts education and outreach projects. For more information, please visit <http://www.geo-energy.org/>. Check out GEA's [YouTube Channel](#). Follow GEA on [Twitter](#). Become a fan on [Facebook](#).

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