

Date: 14 January 2016
Place: Brussels
Participants: Commissioner Arias Cañete with Mr Ian Taylor, CEO Vitol, Cabinet member (YS)
<p>SUBJECT: oil and gas market</p> <p>Mr Taylor presented the company's main activities as the largest trading company in oil, gas and power, present in 150 countries and 3<sup>rd</sup> biggest in storage (mainly oil). The company is investing in Europe and will continue to do so.</p> <p>The Commissioner presented the forthcoming Security of supply package, including a LNG strategy and a revision of the Security of supply Regulation. He also inquired about Vitol's assessment of future developments in the oil and gas market.</p> <p>Mr Taylor explained that he expected the gas market to be long for the short and mid-term, but that gas demand would increase in developing countries and hence gas supply would get tighter again post-2020. Nevertheless, with some further investments in infrastructure, notably in LNG, Europe would be well prepared. He also indicated that the pipeline gas and LNG are expected to merge and have a single price, no longer indexed on the oil price.</p> <p>Vitol also explained the concern they have with the draft implementing measures as regards position limits as proposed by ESMA. The Commissioner explained that discussions between the services were still ongoing and invited Vitol to reflect on an alternative/compromise approach. Mr Taylor indicated they would do so, based on the approach agreed in the US.</p>