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**U.S. BASED HARDING SHELTON GROUP CONTINUES
WORKING WITH ENERGY LEADERS IN CHINA IN UNIQUE COLLABORATION**

Continued dialogue and the Oct. 9 (2009) tour of the University of Oklahoma's Mewbourne College of Earth and Energy became one of the next steps in the collaboration among Harding Shelton Group (HSG), a team of U.S. experts in shale gas development based in Dallas, TX and Oklahoma City, OK, and Chinese industry and academic leaders in exploring for natural gas in their home country.

Fourteen professors representing China University of Petroleum (CUP), Beijing, participated in the two-day series of activities. Their academic specialties include oil-gas development, drilling, ocean engineering and electronic engineering.

HSG opened its Beijing office following its co-hosting of a shale gas symposium organized by PetroChina and the Chinese Petroleum Society. At that time, HSG, through Harding Shelton Energy Consulting (Beijing) Limited, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with PetroChina's Research Institute for Petroleum Exploration and Development for evaluating shale gas as a new energy resource for the coal-dependent country.

"Collaborative efforts like these help all of us globally address the demands for new energy sources," said John Shelton, HSG Chairman. "The opportunities to produce shale gas in China are similar to what has taken place in the United States in highly productive areas like the Barnett Shale."

Michael D. Burnaman, HSG President, said the on-going discussions will include studying drilling technologies that would be unique to the various basins of China. "We are looking forward to working with the energy laboratories at China's academic settings. Our HSG team has international oil and gas experience that spans decades," Burnaman said.

HSG is comprised of Harding Energy Partners, LLC in Dallas and Harding & Shelton Inc. (H&S) in Oklahoma City. More information about HSG can be found at www.hsg-asia.com.

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