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Thomas Hudson, CEO of G2, LNG announced as Keynote Speaker at World Trade Center Future of Trade Summit

New Orleans, LA – Thomas Hudson, President of G2 LNG, a liquefied natural gas export company, will be the keynote speaker at the World Trade Center's Future of Trade Summit to be held May 9 at the Hilton Capitol Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Hudson will highlight the global significance of LNG and the impact this emerging sector will have on the Louisiana economy.

World Trade Center CEO Caitlin Cain says Hudson brings an important view on trade considering the growing role of liquefied natural gas in the world's economy. "The U.S. is set to become a top three exporter of LNG, and Louisiana with an excess of \$90 billion in LNG projects planned, under construction or operational, our state is positioned to be at the center of that growth. We are thrilled to have Mr. Hudson speak on behalf of this industry and its significance to the Louisiana economy."

In addition to the keynote address, the Summit will feature two panel sessions focused on trade policy and free trade agreements followed by trends in financing, banking and currency. The impressive line-up of moderators and panelists include, Charles W. Boustany, Jr. MD, former U.S. Representative; Don Pierson, Secretary, Louisiana Economic Development; Edward T. Hayes, Partner, Leake and Andersson; Reuben Smith-Vaughn, Senior Director, Americas, U.S. Chamber of Commerce; Eugene Cornelius, Jr., Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of International Trade, Small Business Administration; Don Sanders, Director-Partner, Orion Instruments; Alexander Lara, Executive Director and Trade Advisor for JP Morgan Chase; and Carson Strickland, Senior Vice President, Global Trade Finance, Regions Bank.

Hudson, an attorney who has focused on the energy sector his entire career, has held management positions in the oil and gas field, as well as represented independent and major energy companies. Previously, Hudson served as Chief of Staff for US Senator John Breaux, Executive Assistant to US Senator Bennett Johnston, Louisiana State Senator from 1976-1988, and managing partner of Brownstein, Hyatt, and Farber, where he participated in the permitting of a US LNG Import Facility and counseled global interests engaged in the CFIUS process. Thomas is a graduate of Louisiana State University in 1969, and Louisiana State University Law Center in 1971.

Registration is now open for the Summit. To register or learn more about the Future of Trade Summit, visit www.wtcno.org.

About the World Trade Center of New Orleans:

Founded as the International House in 1943 and as the International Trade Mart in 1945, these two predecessor organizations merged in 1985 and are now known as "The World Trade Center of New Orleans"; it is the oldest of over 300 World Trade Centers in over 100 countries. Notably, the World Trade Center of New Orleans spearheaded the establishment of Louisiana Tax Free Shopping in 1989, the first U.S. state to introduce such a program for international visitors, which has been used by more than 600,000 international customers and recorded over \$500 million in tax-free sales.

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