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## PennWell Acquires Local Energy Conference and Exhibition

TULSA, March 22, 2016 – PennWell Corporation, a diversified global media and events company, announced that it has acquired The Pipeline + Energy Expo from Vacuworx, a Tulsa-based engineering and manufacturing company. On April 4-6, 2017, PennWell will host the ninth annual Pipeline + Energy Expo at the Cox Convention Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Since 2009, this midstream conference and trade show has grown into the most comprehensive energy event in the region. With the event traditionally being held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Tulsa Regional Chamber and VisitTulsa are pleased with the news of the new ownership and management. "For more than one hundred years, PennWell has been an important part of Tulsa's history. PennWell's involvement in this show, and its role and expertise in the energy industry, will continue to increase the event's draw for both business and visitors to our city," said Ray Hoyt, President of VisitTulsa, Tulsa Sports Commission and the Tulsa Office of Film, Music, Arts & Culture.

Once called "The Oil Capital of the World," Tulsa has played a unique historical role in the energy industry. Pipeline giants like Williams, Magellan, T.D. Williamson, ONEOK Partners LP, and SemGroup Corp. are all headquartered in Tulsa, as is PennWell. "We are delighted that PennWell has taken over this event, and to be partnering with a company that has the same values and commitment to Tulsa as our own. This is an incredible opportunity to highlight Oklahoma's continued role in the onshore energy industry," said Bill Solomon, event founder and CEO of Vacuworx.

Previously, the Pipeline + Energy Expo attracted nearly 1,500 attendees and over 100 exhibitors. Under the direction of PennEnergy, PennWell's global energy industry portal, and with the support of *Oil & Gas Journal*, *Oil & Gas Financial Journal* and *Offshore* magazines, the annual conference and exhibition will continue to grow, and offer a premier opportunity for energy professionals to learn, network and seek

innovative products. The two-day conference will explore such topics as engineering, production, pipeline safety and integrity, optimization and efficiencies, and best practices. The trade show will also provide an opportunity to experience new technology, including renewables, along with live equipment demonstrations and networking among those leading the energy industry.

For PennWell's Chairman of the Board Robert F. Biolchini and its CEO, Mark Wilmoth, hosting the event in Tulsa brings the history and success of PennWell full circle. "Beginning with the *Oil & Gas Journal*, the world's leading international news and technology magazine, Tulsa has been home to PennWell, our privately-held family company founded in 1910," Biolchini said. "Since then, we have grown globally, and now over 60 percent of our business is events, which are held in every corner of the world." Wilmoth added, "This conference and exhibition is special to us, in that it's in our backyard. This is the perfect chance to showcase PennWell in our hometown. We have high expectations for The Pipeline + Energy Expo, which will connect local and U.S. leaders and experts from the pipeline and transportation sectors of the industry, as well as production, refining, power generation and utility fields."

For more information about sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities, registration information and special promotions, visit www.pipelineenergyexpo.com.

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