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## **Opening Keynote Speaker Named for DUG *Bakken and Niobrara* Conference**

Houston (January 23, 2014) – **Harold Hamm**, Chairman and CEO of **Continental Resources**, will deliver the opening keynote address for Hart Energy's [DUG \*Bakken and Niobrara\*](#) conference and exhibition set for **April 2-4**, 2014. The event comes one month earlier this year and once again will take place at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver, Colorado.

Hamm is expected to reveal his company's future plans and discuss how **Continental Resources** built its enviable position in the Bakken-Three Forks play. From full-scale development projects to extensive testing of down-spacing parameters, **Continental Resources** is aggressively implementing its strategy to continue increasing its oil production. It is also closely focused on improving margins, from honing well costs to improving efficiencies in field operations.

In addition to being a CEO, Hamm is chairman of the board of directors of the general partner of Hiland Partners LP and the general partner of Hiland Holdings GP, LP, and a founding board member of the Oklahoma Energy Resources Board. Recently, he co-founded the Domestic Energy Producers Alliance to preserve the markets for oil and gas produced in the United States.

Other **confirmed speakers** to date include:

- **Ward Polzin**, CEO, ***Centennial Resource Development LLC***
- **Chris Wright**, CEO, ***Liberty Resources LLC***
- **Taylor Reid**, President and COO - ***Oasis Petroleum Inc.***
- **Tom Lantz**, COO, ***American Eagle Energy Corp.***
- **Gary Willingham**, Senior Vice President, U. S. Onshore - ***Noble Energy, Inc.***
- **Scott Reasoner**, Vice President, Western Operations - ***PDC Energy Inc.***
- **Subash Chandra**, Senior E&P Analyst and Managing Director, ***Jefferies LLC***

Oil and gas professionals, the finance community, and investors are encouraged to review the [conference agenda](#) and make plans to attend. Last year's conference attracted more than **2,000 attendees** and **200 exhibitors**. Participants can take advantage of a reduced rate if they [register now](#).

### **About Hart Energy**

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