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David Iwinski Jr. is the Managing Director of Blue Water Growth LLC, a firm that is focused on assisting cross border mergers and acquisitions between Asia and North America and also assisting North American firms in developing growth and markets in Asia.

From 2008 to 2010, Mr. Iwinski was Chief Executive Officer of Denex Labs LLC, a Pittsburgh-based global dental laboratory. Denex Labs utilized global production in China, Korea and India. He was the Chief Executive Officer of Acusis LLC (starting as founding CEO in 2001 and continuing until 2008) which is a medical technology, software and transcription company with customers in the United States and production and software development in India and the Philippines. Before starting Acusis, Mr. Iwinski worked at Respironics for four years as Managing Director for China and South East Asia. In that role he lived in Hong Kong and was responsible for all Asian manufacturing and for China sales.

Preceding Respironics, Mr. Iwinski worked as an attorney at Daimler-Benz Transportation for 8 years as a Contract Negotiator and later as an International Commercial Coordinator.

Mr. Iwinski graduated in 1984 from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, with a BA in Literature and a Minor in Music. In 1988 he earned a Juris Doctor from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. Mr. Iwinski serves on the Board of Trustees of Seton Hill University and the Westmoreland Cultural Trust.
Dr. Yongsheng Wang is an Associate Professor of Economics at Washington and Jefferson College and Research Fellow of Center for Energy Policy and Management. He is also a Visiting Scholar at Graduate School of Public and International Affairs (GSPIA) at University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Wang received his Ph.D. and Master degrees in economics from Texas Tech University and bachelor of management degree in Accounting from Qingdao University in China. He is the founding director of the Financial Economics program at W&J. The Financial Economics major was recognized as part of the University Recognition Program of the CFA Institute. He is a member of the U.S. Association of Energy Economics, International Association of Energy Economics, American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association, Financial Executive International, and ASIANetwork. He serves on the board of International Honor Society in Social Sciences and Center for Energy Policy and Management.

His prior research was funded by National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) at Department of Commerce, ASIANetwork/ Freeman Foundation, and Heinz Endowments. His energy research focuses on the impact of shale gas development and sustainable energy practices.


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**AGENDA**

11:30  Registration and Networking
12:00  Welcome and Lunch
12:15  Opening Remarks
12:45  Panel Introduction
1:30  Audience Q&A
**RICH WEBER**  
CEO, PENNEnergy Resources

Rich Weber is a founding partner, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of PennEnergy Resources, LLC, a private equity-backed independent oil and gas operator focused on the Marcellus Shale in Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Prior to co-founding PennEnergy in June of 2011, he was President and Chief Operating Officer of Atlas Energy, Inc. from 2006 until its sale to Chevron in 2011. Atlas operated more than 10,000 oil and gas wells in four different basins, including the Appalachian Basin, where Atlas was a pioneer in the development of the prolific Marcellus Shale. Atlas also owned and controlled the general partner of Atlas Pipeline Partners, L.P. (NYSE: APL), a mid-stream MLP that had pipeline and natural gas processing assets in the Appalachian Basin and Mid-Continent region.

Mr. Weber oversaw all operations of the company, including the IPO of Atlas Energy Resources, LLC in 2006 and the $1.2 billion acquisition of DTE Energy’s Antrim Shale assets in 2007. He also oversaw the formation of Laurel Mountain Mid-Stream Partners, L.P., a 50/50 mid-stream joint venture in the Marcellus Shale between Williams, a $1.7 billion joint venture, and Reliance Industries, Ltd. In 2011, he oversaw the $4.4 billion merger of Atlas Energy into Chevron.

During his tenure at Atlas, the company accumulated nearly 300,000 acres, drilled over 300 wells and built one of the premier operating teams in the Marcellus Shale. Prior to joining Atlas, Mr. Weber spent 14 years at McDonald & Company Securities, Inc. (subsequently acquired by KeyBanc Capital Markets), where he founded the Energy Group, which served independent oil & gas producers, pipeline companies and utilities. He personally led more than 200 transactions involving mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, IPOs, secondary offerings, note offerings and strategic advisory assignments. Early in his career, Mr. Weber served as an associate at First Chicago Venture Capital, the predecessor of Madison Dearborn Partners, and as a corporate banking officer at NBD Bancorp.

Mr. Weber graduated in 1985 from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio with a B.S. in Finance. In 1989, he received an M.B.A. from Tulane University in New Orleans, where he was named a Freeman Scholar.

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**HISANORI NEI**  
Professor, NATIONAL GRADUATE INSTITUTE FOR POLICY STUDIES  
Former Executive Director, JAPAN NATIONAL OIL, GAS AND METALS CORPORATION

Professor Hisanori Nei has worked across the energy sector worldwide. After graduating from the University of Tokyo with a major in geology, he joined the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI). He was the Executive Director of the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) in Houston, Texas from 1997 to 2000. During his time in Texas, he supported the coordination of energy security policies and the establishment of the Houston Technology Center to improve business incubation and technology transfer.

In 2001, he joined the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) as the director of the Middle East and Africa Office and the director of Petroleum Refining and Reserve Division. He coordinated energy security policy in the wake of the 9/11 attacks. He supported Iraq reconstruction at the Office for Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance (ORHA) beginning in 2003. By 2005, he endeavored cooperation activities for assistance of developing countries especially Asia and Africa as Director of the Technical Cooperation Division, METI.

Professor Nei directed several divisions of the Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency (NISA) beginning in 2005, working on regulation reform, inspector restarting a shuttered nuclear plant, and earthquake response after the March 11 disaster at Fukushima Daiichi. He coordinated the Japanese Government’s Official Report to the International Atomic Energy Agency.

From 2012 to 2014, he worked as the Executive Director at Japan National Oil, Gas and Metals Corporation. In 2014, he became a Professor at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies.