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Renato T. Bertani holds a Ph.D. in Sedimentary Geology and Geochemistry from the University of Illinois, USA. He has over 33 years of international experience in exploration and production projects, acquisitions, and divestments in several Latin American countries (particularly Brazil, Colombia, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, and Argentina), West Africa, the UK, and the Gulf of Mexico.

Mr. Bertani became President and CEO of Thompson & Knight Global Energy Services, LLC, a subsidiary of Thompson & Knight LLP, in March 2007. His role is dedicated to rendering business development and portfolio management services to the energy industry. In addition to providing services to numerous petroleum companies, he has been serving as an independent member of the Board of Directors of Green Hunter Energy, Inc., a company based in Grapevine, TX that focuses on renewable sources of energy.

He previously served for 31 years in various technical and high level managerial positions with Petrobras, the Brazilian state oil company. Among such positions were President of Petrobras America, Inc., a subsidiary of the Brazilian state company based in Houston, where he was responsible for a very successful investment plan and the construction of a valuable portfolio of exploration and production assets (2001-2006), Managing Director of Petrobras UK (1998-2001), and Director of International E&P activities for the Petrobras Group (1992-1997). In these various positions, he was directly responsible for the innovative strategies and team leadership that led to major oil and gas discoveries, including the San Alberto and San Antonio gas fields of Bolivia, Akpo, and Agbami oil fields offshore Nigeria, Cascade, Chinook, and Saint Malo in the Lower Tertiary play of the Gulf of Mexico. Cascade and Chinook are on track to become the first fields ever to be brought onstream in the Gulf of Mexico with a floating, production, storage, and offloading development concept.

Mr. Bertani is Vice President of the World Petroleum Council, responsible for the technical program for the next World Petroleum Congress that will take place in Doha, Qatar, in 2011. He also serves on the advisory boards of the Center for International Studies of The University of St. Thomas and Southern Methodist University's Maguire Energy Institute. He served as a trustee of the Museum of Fine Arts of Houston from 2003 to 2006, as President of the Brazil Texas Chamber of Commerce from 2002 to 2007, and as Director of the Brazilian Petroleum Institute from 1995 to 1997.

RECENT REPRESENTATIONS

- Technical and economic evaluation of over 130 fields, discoveries, and exploration prospects located in 15 countries for a large Asian client evaluating a potential acquisition opportunity with an approximate value of US\$12 billion
- Technical and economic evaluation of E&P assets and companies in several Latin American countries for Asian and Middle Eastern clients interested in participating in competitive bids or direct negotiations to acquire such properties, approximate value of US\$1 billion each
- Strategic advice and preparation of a business plan for a large company seeking to build a significant portfolio of exploration assets offshore Brazil
- Strategic advice and preparation of a business plan and assistance in seeking partners and financing for a company seeking to explore and develop a portfolio of exploration opportunities onshore Brazil

EDUCATION

- B.Sc. in Geology, Federal University of the Rio Grande do Sul State, Brazil; Graduation Date: April 7, 1976
- M.Sc. in Geology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Illinois – USA; Graduation Date: January 15, 1983
- Ph.D. in Geology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Illinois – USA; Graduation Date: January 15, 1984
- Advanced International Program in Oil and Gas Financial Management, The University of Texas at Dallas, May 23, 1997



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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Advisory Board, Maguire Energy Institute, Southern Methodist University
- Vice President, Program Chair, World Petroleum Congress (Doha, Qatar), 2011
- Vice President, Program Chair, World Petroleum Congress (Madrid, Spain), 2008
- Member, Scientific Program Committee, World Petroleum Council, 1997-current
- Advisory Board, Center for International Studies, University of St. Thomas
- Advisory Board, City of Houston Office of International Affairs and Development, 2004-2008
- Trustee, Museum of Fine Arts Houston, 2003-2006
- President, Brazil Texas Chamber of Commerce, 2002-2007
- Director, Brazilian Petroleum Institute, 1995-1997

WORK EXPERIENCE

- March 2007 – Present
President and CEO of Thompson & Knight Global Energy Services, LLC, a company dedicated to rendering business development and portfolio management services to the energy industry.
- September 2001 – December 2006
President of Petrobras America Inc., an American subsidiary of the Petrobras Group engaged in E&P in the Gulf of Mexico and refining and trading of petroleum and petroleum products.
- January 1998 – September 2001
Managing Director of Petrobras UK Limited, a British subsidiary of the Petrobras Group. In this position, Mr. Bertani was in charge of managing all petroleum E&P activities of Petrobras UK in the North Sea, as well as supervising trading of petroleum and petroleum products.
- December 1988 – December 1997
Initially **Exploration and New Ventures Manager**, and beginning in 1992, **Director for Petroleum Exploration and Production of Petrobras Internacional SA**, a subsidiary of the Petrobras Group in charge of all E&P activities outside Brazil.
- March 1976 – November 1988
Several **technical and managerial positions with Petrobras** in Brazil, where he was involved in exploration and oil field development in several onshore and offshore sedimentary basins.