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North Africa Risk Assessment Briefing: 1Q09 Briefing

Outlook for the Maghreb Region and what are the Risks Ahead

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Event Details

The security agenda in North Africa is back front-and-center. With oil revenues dropping to their lowest levels in years, and with the regional economies affected by the global economic meltdown, a fresh risk assessment will help companies and other organizations navigate the risks that exist in the region. 2009 is a critical year for the region, which will see, from the political front:

- Presidential elections in Algeria
- General elections in Tunisia
- Local and municipal elections in Morocco

From the economic front, the region will begin to feel a substantial impact from the global economic turmoil. Yet, internationally, the region is still highly relevant not only as an energy supplier, but a strong buyer of military and industrial equipment, agriculture and services. The region has also been a source of global competition pitting against one another the world economic and military powers of the US, Russia, the EU, China and others, who have been working hard to impose their influence on North African nations.

Meanwhile, the region is undergoing critical transformation with long-term consequences. Among the critical security issues likely to affect the region and its partners include Libya's normalization with the US and Russia, Algeria's zero-foreign debt environment, upcoming elections, Al-Qaida's impact, the US presidential election outcome, etc. What to expect and how your company or organization should position itself will be discussed in this briefing. In short, the presentation will discuss the following topics:



Setting the Stage with an Economic Perspective:

Does North Africa matter and how strategic it is in the regional and global context.

North Africa Risk and Security Environment:

Global, Regional and National Impact

El-Qaeda Maghreb: Update:

- How Effective are Terrorist Organizations in the Region.
- Can they Influence the Political and Economic Agenda

Libya: Will the honeymoon last?

- Libya and the West
- Libya and the East
- Regional stance: the Maghreb and African issues
- The Post-Muammar Kaddafi Era: Smooth Succession Ahead?

Algeria: Looking at the 2009 presidential elections

Tunisia: How long will the stability last amid a European economic freeze?

Morocco: Coping with the global economic meltdown

Mauritania: Coup after coup: Can Mauritania Ever Find Stability and Should Investors Care?

The new American President and impact on the region

Corporate Security Posture:

Operating or planning to operate in North Africa? What security posture you should adopt?

Conclusions and Q/A



The Presenters

Arezki Daoud



Principal host and chair of the forum, **Arezki Daoud** is a leading analyst on North African affairs. He is the editor and publisher of The North Africa Journal, a publication that reaches over 50,000 decision makers

worldwide. Having lived and worked in North Africa, Mr. Daoud's analytical expertise on the region spans from the energy and industrial sectors to security and political affairs. Mr. Daoud is familiar with the speech circuit and briefing the business and government communities on the countries of the Maghreb region. He is widely quoted in the press, including the BBC Radio, Forbes Magazine, The New York Times, Business Week, The Washington Post, USA Today, International Herald Tribune, Christian Science Monitor, The Street.com, and other publications. Mr. Daoud holds a BS degree from the National Institute of Hydrocarbons of Algeria, the IFP, and a Masters degree in International Economics from Suffolk University in Boston

Alessandro Bruno



Co-host of the forum and Deputy Editor of The North Africa Journal **Alessandro Bruno** is a leading analyst of North African, Arab and international affairs. He specializes in strategic political and economic

developments relating to the North African oil industry and Middle East politics. Mr. Bruno has also worked as a research analyst in the global investment banking sector for a leading international advisory group. Quoted in the press such as The Financial Times, Mr. Bruno holds a Master of Arts in Middle East Studies and Bachelor of Arts in Near Eastern Studies. He has completed course work for a PhD in Middle East Politics at the University of Toronto. Mr. Bruno brings a wealth of international experience, having lived and worked abroad in a variety of different countries. Most recently, he lived in Libya working as a Program Officer (JPO) with the United Nations Development Program. Mr. Bruno is fluent in English, Italian, Spanish and French and has a working knowledge of Portuguese, Arabic and German.



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