



## **Press Release**

### **Former PMs of Spain and Poland to address AEGIS European Energy Conference**

***7 May and 8 May, 2008, Paris, Le Méridien Montparnasse***

**London, 7 April 2008** – Former Spanish Prime Minister José María Aznar will provide the opening address at AEGIS London's inaugural European Energy Conference in Paris on 7-8 May.

As Europe faces up to an unsettled future in the area of energy and power generation Aznar, addressing an audience of risk managers and insurance buyers, will talk on the economic prospects of the European Union and the implications for the European energy industry.

Opening the second day, Marek Belka, former Prime Minister of Poland and now Executive Secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Europe, will speak on the promotion of a sustainable energy development strategy in Europe and on investing in climate change mitigation.

The two day conference, which will focus on the power and utility sector of the energy industry, has been designed to provide risk management practitioners working within the sector with relevant and practical insights into the key issues faced by the industry and how they will shape the future risk management challenge.

Topics covered will include:

- new technologies in the power utility industry
- climate change risks
- legal issues affecting the European utility industry

- renaissance of nuclear power
- practicalities of dealing with large and complex insurance claims.

Commenting ahead of AEGIS London's first European Energy Conference, David Croom-Johnson, Active Underwriter, said: "We are delighted that José María Aznar and Marek Belka have agreed to speak at our conference in what should provide a fascinating breadth of perspective into the challenges facing the European Union and their impact on the energy and utility sectors."

Those from the power utility industry interested in attending the conference can find further details on [www.aegislondon.co.uk](http://www.aegislondon.co.uk)

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### **Notes to Editors**

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AEGIS London continues to offer specialist expertise and leadership to clients in the global energy market, including:

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- Owners of international power projects
- Oil and gas businesses, including all aspects of oil and gas exploration, production, storage, transmission and processing
- Various contractors serving these market sectors

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- Energy casualty
- Marine liability
- International casualty
- Marine cargo
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