

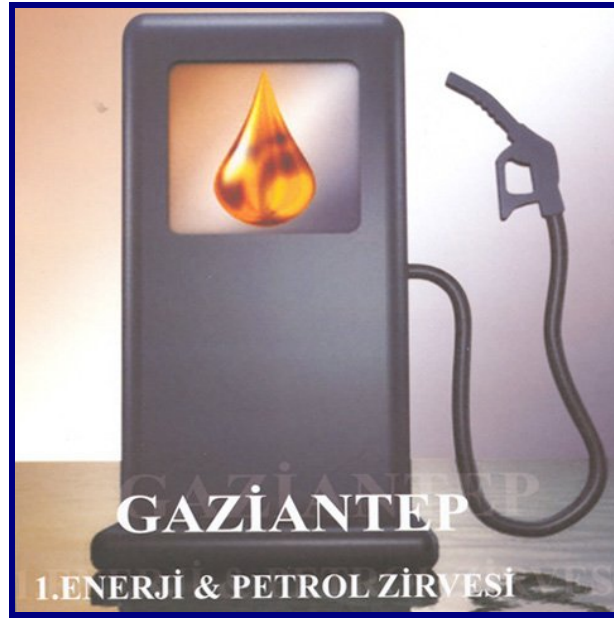


# GAZIANTEP ENERGY & PETROLEUM SUMMIT

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*Gaziantep Chamber of Commerce*

*Exclusive Report*



10:00 – 12:45

## 1st Session

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### **Mustafa Koçer**

*(Chairman – Gaziantep Gas Stations Association)*

- Efforts to liberalize the Turkish fuel market must be maintained in parallel with supportings to players in regional markets.
- Investments on alternative energy must be subsidized.

### **Mehmet Aslan**

*(Chairman – Gaziantep Chamber of Commerce)*

- Fuel smuggling was prevented by courtesy of efforts of EMRA. But now gas stations are suffered by huge administrative fine.
- Natural gas usage in Gaziantep's residential areas must be started as soon as possible.



### **Nejat Koçer**

*(Chairman – Gaziantep Chamber of Industry)*

- The cooperation with Syria on energy issues must be improved.
- There should be 'regional pricing' in energy.

## **Hasan Köktaş**

*(Chairman – EMRA [Energy Market Regulatory Authority] )*

- Fuel smuggling was mainly prevented by the system ‘national marker’.
- EMRA is working on prevention of smuggling through ‘lubricant no.10’.

## **Soner Aksoy**

*(Chairman – TGNA Energy Commission)*

- I will put the Turkish Petroleum Law on the agenda of the Energy Commission as soon as possible and will pass after discussions only on 3 vetoed articles.
- The delay in implementation of the Natural Gas Market Law is caused by the energy bureaucracy and definitely contrary to the government’s main target, a free and competitive energy market. Import deregulation is a must for a competitive market structure.



## **M.Hilmi Güler**

*(Minister of Energy and Natural Resources)*

- BOTAŞ has realized comprehensive projects to get natural gas to all cities by ‘not losing even a penny’. The company has no ‘loss’, just ‘some problems on receivables’.
- BOTAŞ sells gas by not making profit, but we will change that by starting to implement the Automatic Pricing Mechanism soon.
- We have great expectations from exploration activities in Black Sea region.

14:30 – 18:00

## 2nd Session

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### **Muhsin Alkan**

(Chairman – PÜİS [Trade Union of Petroleum Product Employers] )

- The problems on lubricant no.10 can be solved by some arrangements on taxation.
- There are some fault implementations on national marker inspections of EMRA.

### **Selim Şiper**

(Chairman – Turkish LPG Association)

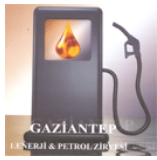
- Excise tax (ÖTV) burden over LPG is 30 times more than natural gas.
- There should be 'calorific-based taxation' on energy sources. Tax rates on LPG can be substituted by higher taxes on natural gas.



### **Atıf Ketenci**

(Chairman – TABGİS [Trade Union of Turkish Petroleum and Gas Employers] )

- The problem of lubricant no.10 is caused by unfair taxation.
- Fuel stations do not benefit from product promotions of main distribution companies efficiently. EMRA must establish a new legislation on promotions.



## **A.Erdal Gülderen**

*(General Manager – GDPA [General Directorate of Petroleum Affairs] )*

- Turkish Petroleum Law must come into effect to fulfil 4 legislations energy sector based on: Natural Gas Market Law, Petroleum Market Law, LPG Market Law and Turkish Petroleum Law.
- The number of companies in Turkish upstream sector is rising year by year: In 2002 there were only 21 companies (4 national), but in 2007 there were 41 companies (19 national).

## **Mustafa Erdin**

*(Head of Department – Revenue Administration Department)*

- The excise tax revenues of fuel, LPG, natural gas and lubricants cover 56% of all tax revenues.
- Tax rate in unleaded gasoline in Turkey (57,5%) is not so higher than rates in European Union (64% in the UK and Germany, 62% in France).

## **Nuri Karaoğuz**

*(Petroleum Department Group Leader – EMRA)*

- The outcome of meetings with sectoral organizations in February were classified under 129 subject and short – medium – long term action plans were set for each issues.
- EMRA has finished the whole legislative process for energy sector and licenced over 20.000 institutions.