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***Oil, Natural Gas and Geopolitical Conflict
in the Current Economic Climate***

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Introduction

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Question and Answer Session

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4:00 pm Presentation

5:30 pm Reception

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