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PRESS RELEASE

The College of Natural Sciences (CoNAS) will launch a Seismic Laboratory on the 19th January 2012 at Makerere University, Kampala. The laboratory will support the MSc. program expected to start next academic year (2012/2013).

The laboratory and MSc. Program development is in collaboration with the University of Bergen in Norway under the Energy and Petrol Fund (EnPe) by NORAD. The main objective of the EnPe project is to achieve a much needed long term sustainable education in Petroleum Geosciences at Makerere University. The petroleum industry in Uganda is fast expanding, and there is a strong need to build capacity at the institutions of higher learning in order to fill the human resource capacity gaps for both public and private sectors. This programme will also target countries in the Eastern and Central Africa region.

In addition to the laboratory, the project will sponsor:

- 5 Ugandan students per year for tuition, monthly stipend, fieldwork and thesis production.
- Norwegian expatriate staff to teach at Makerere University
- Makerere University academic and technical staff for short Petroleum Geosciences courses in Norway
- Workshop and laboratory equipment
- Field vehicle
- Textbooks and Journals
- Other collaborative support services such as workshops, conferences, staff fieldwork etc.

The Guest of Honour will be Hon. Irene Muloni, Minister for Energy and Mineral Development (MEMD). Others guests expected to attend include Hon. Jessica Alupo, Minister for Education and Sports, His Excellency the Ambassador of Norway in Uganda. Staff from the Petroleum Exploration and Production Department in MEMD, University of Bergen in Norway, CoNAS and Makerere University top management is also expected to attend.

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