



Alastair David McBain

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Biography

Alastair McBain is a graduate of Oxford University and has over 37 years' experience in the oil industry. He spent the first 17 years of his career with Shell in numerous senior international postings including assignments in Singapore, Dubai, China and Venezuela. Prior to leaving Shell, he worked in their natural gas business with specific responsibility for the development of LNG projects. He joined the Vitol group in 1995 to head up the growth of the group's portfolio of upstream assets and became CEO of Arawak Energy in September 2002. Arawak was listed in Toronto and was admitted to the LSE in July 2008 before being privatized in 2009, becoming a wholly owned subsidiary of the Vitol Group, the world's largest independent energy trading company. Arawak acquired its initial stake in Geo-Alliance, a leading independent Ukrainian oil and gas group in August 2012, where Alastair serves as Chairman of the Board. In addition to Ukraine, Arawak and the Vitol Group explore for, develop and produce oil and gas from blocks in Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Mexico, Ghana Cote d' Ivoire and UAE.

Why do you think Membership in the American Chamber of Commerce in Ukraine is important for business operating in Ukraine?

The Chamber provides a forum for discussion of issues facing the industry and at the same time is a platform for dialogue with the government at a higher level than normally achievable by companies acting individually.

What motivates you to be a Chamber Board Member?

Energy is an important part of the Ukrainian economy and I feel it is essential that the Chamber has expertise in this area in order to fully play its role in conveying a business perspective to the various government agencies.

Why do you feel you are qualified to serve on the Chamber Board? What skills would you bring to the Board?

I have many years of experience with both big and smaller companies in the oil, gas and energy business in several different locations and feel I can add an international energy perspective to board discussions in this area. I have also been CEO of a public listed company and feel able to provide some feedback on how public companies might view Ukraine's energy and general industry risks.

How have you been active in the Chamber over the course of the last two years?

Yes. I have been part of the Energy Steering Committee, regularly attending meetings and submitting suggestions for ACC public documents such as the Energy White Paper.

What activity or committee would you participate in and be responsible for?

I am ready to participate in any activity for which I am qualified and would expect that to be primarily in the Energy and Public Markets field.