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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



**Here's why you do not want to miss daratechPLANT 2009:**

The Holiday seasons are upon us and, therefore, the daratechPLANT conference can't be far away. With the commitments that we have already received for papers and moderation, the conference is developing into one of the best ever. The conference has focused, from the outset, on delivering the highest quality content, from the best minds, in our business. There are three major themes which form the foundation to the conference: **Thought Leadership, Pulse of the Industry Technology, and State of the Practice.** Each of these themes is being delivered through the numerous conference sessions, as well as the excellent keynote and plenary sessions. It should be a rich two-and-one-half days.

We will be presenting some of the most **interesting and innovative projects** of the past two years. These include not only **mega-projects**, but also best practices related to **small projects which are highly automated.** We will have examples from a wide range of industries, including **refining, petrochemical, nuclear power, and LNG.** Each paper highlights a different perspective and lesson in the application of automation. On the technology side, papers will illustrate and highlights examples of **life cycle information management, industry standards application, and broad project collaboration.** I am also very pleased that we have a number of excellent papers related to the smooth **migration of information from the design phase to startup and operations.** Today, it is quite remarkable that the vision of a "seamless transfer" is being realized on many substantial projects. Of particular note is how 3D models are being used in operations, reinforcing the importance of the co-located **Plant Asset Scanning Summit (PASS).**

Beyond the design and configuration applications, this year, we are highlighting the importance of technology-enabled **project and construction management and collaboration.** The examples sited include global projects, with extreme geographic, language, and time difference challenges. It is remarkable to see how the information-enabled framework of systems today allow us to support **procurement, site delivery, construction management, rapid status reporting and earned value**

## December 2008 Newsletter

Did you know that **Dan Keuter, Vice President, Planning and Innovation, Entergy Nuclear Inc.** has been named as one of the keynote speakers for the upcoming daratechPLANT Conference, February 23-25, 2009?

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**computation.** The systems are truly permeating all parts of the project home office and field organizations.

The plenary sessions each morning are also stacking up to be extremely interesting. The Monday keynote will be delivered by **Mr. Dan Keuter, VP, Planning & Innovation of Entergy Nuclear Inc.** Mr. Keuter will address the strategy for building new nuclear plants and also touch on using new technology for new and existing plants, among other things. The Tuesday keynote will be given by **Mr. Geir Ramleth, CIO of Bechtel.** Mr. Ramleth will share the experiences of moving the global Bechtel project organization to increasingly take advantage of the modern tools in their project operations. We are also pleased to announce that **Mr. Aidan Chopra of Google** will address the future of computing, including real-time collaboration, cloud computing and mobile access to information for the Wednesday keynote address. Further, we are very pleased to announce that the **EPC** roundtable will consist of the **CIO's or IT Directors** from some of the largest engineering companies, including **Technip, Fluor, Bechtel, and Jacobs.** The **Owner** roundtable will include such market leading companies as **Dow Chemical, Chevron, and ConocoPhillips,** providing a comprehensive perspective on the plant asset world.

The morning sessions will be highlighted by the two-minute **briefings by each of the platinum and gold sponsors,** as a well a glimpse at the **research being performed at some of our top universities** related to project technologies. All-in-all, the conference will be a remarkable venue to get a snapshot of the industry direction, best practices and technology.

I hope to see you there!

**Joseph Morray, Jr.**

Chairman 2009 daratechPLANT Advisory Board  
(President, Trinity Technologies Corp.)

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