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Mohammed Shafik Gabr Chairman of the ARTOC Group for Investment and Development to speak at the 3rd U.S.-Arab Economic Forum

Egyptian business leader Mr. Mohammed Shafik Gabr, Chairman and Managing Director of the ARTOC Group for Investment and Development will speak at the 3rd U.S.-Arab Economic Forum taking place in Washington, D.C., May 7-9, 2008.

Mr. Gabr, an internationally renowned business leader will be among the key attendees of the U.S.-Arab Economic Forum, and will address distinguished guests from the U.S. and Arab world.

As one of the Middle East's largest and most diverse investment companies in the region, Mr. Gabr's ARTOC Group has become a leader in real estate, construction, industrial development, publishing, engineering and global trade.

Mr. Ahmad Chebbani, Chairman and CEO of the U.S.-Arab Economic Forum stated that "Mr. Gabr's ARTOC Group has truly defined how interdependencies within the Arab world enable business to flourish across the region. His business has transcended boundaries and borders which were once thought not possible."

Mr. Gabr's work however extends beyond that of the business arena. As a philanthropist and believer in human development, Mr. Gabr is active in building human capacity in the Arab world and has supported numerous programs related to social development and education.

"Mr. Gabr's work in the realm of social and economic empowerment among the poor is an exemplary model for world leaders to emulate. He has championed the cause of poverty and has provided hope to the Arab world through his efforts in education development," said Mr. Nasser Beydoun, Chief Operating Officer of the U.S.-Arab Economic Forum.

The upcoming U.S.-Arab Economic Forum will provide an avenue where business and political leaders from the U.S. and the Middle East will be able to exchange thoughts and collaborate on projects and programs of both commercial and humanitarian interests.

"It is an honor to have such a distinguished leader attend the Forum. I commend and thank Mr. Gabr for his participation," said Mr. Ahmad Chebbani.

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