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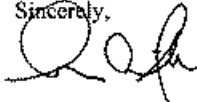
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Dear Sir/Madam:

This letter is to notify you that we have **changed our legal name** from Barents Group, LLC to KPMG Consulting, LLC. We would like to ensure that this change is reflected in our active lobbying reports, including the following: the American Petroleum Institute (S.5370-164, H.32406015); Gardere & Wynne, LLP (S.5370-113, H.32406008); Independent Petroleum Association of America (S.5370-51, H.32406006); and the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives (S.5370-152, H.32406014).

Sincerely,



Linden C. Smith
Managing Director

Enclosures

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LOBBYING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) - All Filers Are Required to Complete This Page

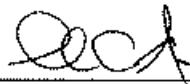
1. Registrant Name KPMG Consulting, LLC (Formerly Barents Group, LLC)				
2. Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported 2001 M Street, NW				
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City: Washington State/Zip (or Country) DC 20036				
4. Contact Name Linden C. Smith	Telephone 202-533-5362	E-mail (optional) lindensmith@kpmg.com	5. Senate ID# 5370-164	
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self American Petroleum Institute (API)			6. House ID# 32406015	

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2000 Midyear (January 1-June 30) Year End (July 1-December 31)

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report 10. Check if this is a Termination Report ⇒ Termination Date _____ 11. No Lobbying Activity **INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete either Line 12 OR Line 13**

<p>12. Lobbying Firms</p> <p>INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ⇒ \$ <u>\$30,000</u> Expenses (nearest \$20,000)</p> <p>Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$20,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).</p>	<p>13. Organization</p> <p>EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> ⇒ \$ _____ Expenses (nearest \$20,000)</p> <p>14. REPORTING METHOD. Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method A. Reporting amounts used LDA definitions only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code</p>
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Signature



Date August 8, 2000

Printed Name and Title

Linden C. Smith, Managing Director

Registrant Name Linden C. Smith Client Name American Petroleum Institute

LOBBYING ACTIVITY. Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the registrant engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. Using a separate page for each code, provide information as requested. Attach additional page(s) as needed.

15. General issue area code TAX (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

Legislative proposal that would repeal Section 907 of the Internal Revenue Code.

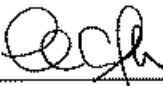
17. House(s) of congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None

Joint Committee on Taxation

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
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19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above Check if None

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