



**Didier Houssin** was appointed Director of the Office of Oil Markets and Emergency Preparedness at the International Energy Agency on 16 July 2007.

Mr. Houssin, a French national, was Managing Director of BRGM, the French Geological Survey, since 2004 where he has extensive management responsibilities over the 850-strong group. Among other matters, he has been involved at BRGM in carbon capture and sequestration and in geothermal energy.

Prior to joining BRGM, Mr. Houssin was also the former Director of Energy and Mineral Resources in the French Ministry of Economy. In this capacity, he was French delegate to many activities of the IEA, notably as Chair of the Standing Group on Emergency Questions at the time of preparation of emergency action plans in 2003 and as a member of three country studies' in-depth review teams. He was also seconded for three years to Total from 1987 to 1990, where he dealt in particular with European energy matters.

Mr. Houssin graduated from the Ecole Nationale d'Administration and has a Masters in Public Administration. He also has Degrees in Philosophy and Law from Université de Paris 1 and Political Science from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris.