

PIGGING KNOW-HOW AND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE CLEANING, CALIBRATION AND INSPECTION OF PIPELINES



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TECMA, strong in excess of 30-year-experience, offers to EMEA Oil & Gas Companies custom suited and professional "turn-key" service packages for any Pipeline cleaning, Calibration and Inspection requirement from 3" to 56". TECMA holds several long-term contracts with major Oil & Gas Companies operating in Italy and EMEA.

Reinhart Hydrocleaning SA, with over 60 years of experience, produces special Hydromechanical multi-modular tools to descale and/or dewax pipelines to very high standard.

Reinhart Hydrocleaning and TECMA offer their combined solutions to meet Pipeline Operators toughest challenges.







| Section: | B – Oil Centre |
|----------------|------------------------|
| Start-up year: | 1982 |
| Design life: | 25 years |
| Product: | Multiphase |
| Nominal D: | 12" |
| Pipe: | Seamless, X52 - 11,1mm |

| Section: | A – B |
|----------------|------------------------|
| Start-up year: | 1987 |
| Design life: | 25 years |
| Product: | Multiphase |
| Nominal D: | 12" |
| Pipe: | Seamless, X52 - 12,7mm |







- 45m





| Operation year | 2012 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Number of cleaning pig runs: | 56 |
| Pigging activity duration: | 30 working days |
| Type of pigs used: | Standard |











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| Inspection year | 2012 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Inspection technology: | MFL |
| Inspection result: | Major Data loss |
| % of data loss | 50% |



| Operation year | 2015 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Number of cleaning pig runs: | 34 |
| Pigging activity duration: | 16 working days |
| Type of pigs used: | RHC |









| Inspection year | 2015 |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Inspection technology: | MFL |
| Inspection result: | Reduced Data loss |
| % of data loss | 22% |





| Operation year | 2017 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Number of cleaning pig runs: | 28 |
| Pigging activity duration: | 15 working days |
| Type of pigs used: | RHC |





| Inspection year | 2017 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Inspection technology: | MFL |
| Inspection result: | Successfull Run |
| % of data loss | 2% |





| Comparison among Cleaning Efforts/ Inspection Results | | | |
|---|--------|--------|--------|
| Parameters | 2012 | 2015 | 2017 |
| Number of cleaning runs | 56 | 34 | 28 |
| Removed Debris [m ³] | 25 | 22 | 20 |
| Treated Sea Water [m ³] | 80.000 | 60.000 | 56.000 |
| Working Days | 30 | 16 | 15 |
| Pigging flow rate [m ³ /h] | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| MFL Inspection data loss [%] | 50% | 22% | 2% |







| Section: | Sub-sea Trap - Refinery |
|--------------------------|---|
| Start-up year: | 1967 |
| Product: | Crude Oil |
| Nominal D: | 34" |
| Pipe: | SAW, X42 Wt: 12.7 / 10.4 / 15.9 / 17.4 |
| Last Inspection | 2020 |
| Inspection technology | UT |
| Inspection medium | Salt water |





CASE HISTORY: 34inch x 3.9 km Crude oil Offshore pipeline – Pigging Phases

| Section: | Sub-sea Trap - Refinery |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1° run - cleaning | Medium density poly-pig |
| 2° run – bore clearance | MC Caliper |
| 3° run - cleaning | RHC - Bat |
| 4° run - cleaning | RHC - Scraper |
| 5° run - cleaning | RHC - Tiger |
| 6° run - inpection | UT- USWM |









CASE HISTORY: 20inch x 145 km Crude oil Onshore pipeline



| Section: | Depot - Refinery |
|--------------------------|---|
| Start-up year: | 1964 |
| Product: | Crude Oil |
| Nominal D: | 20" |
| Pipe: | DSAW, X52 Wt: 12.7 / 8.74 / 14.0 / 8.7 |
| Last Inspection | 2021 |
| Inspection technology | MFL |
| Inspection medium | Crude oil |





CASE HISTORY: 20inch x 145 km Crude oil Onshore pipeline

| Section: | n° of runs | Depot- Refinery |
|----------------------|------------|------------------------|
| run - bore clearance | 1 | Bi-Di with gauge plate |
| run - cleaning | 4 | Dual module pigs |
| run - cleaning | 15 | RHC |
| run - inspection | 1 | MFL |













No standard tool type catalogue

- customized tools according to pipe specifications
 - > Deposit
 - Cleaning medium, Flow, Pressure
 - Pipe geometries: Internal Ø's, Bend, T-Part, Launcher, Receiver, etc.

No standard sizes

- optimized cleaning forces to internal pipe Ø
- \succ adapted propulsion to internal pipe Ø
- > optimized tool length to pipe specification

No static cleaning

- dynamic cleaning with optimized bypass
- flush effect is a standard in RCT





To maximize the ILI results and obtain the best integrity value:

- Meticulous operations planning
- Careful cleaning tools evaluation and selection
- Cleaning procedures
- Propulsion medium analysis
- Choice of the most suitable ILI technologies











"Quality of runs, not Number of runs"

"Cleaning and calibration phases play a pivotal role to achieve successful inspection run"

Thank you for your attention!



