

First Running of CLEANWELL on Integral Connections in the USA Gulf of Mexico (CLEANWELL)

In June 2005, VAM PTS ran the first dope free integral connections in the Gulf of Mexico. A major operator agreed to a rig trial with 9 5/8" 53.50# P-110 VAM SLIJ-II with the proprietary VAM CLEANWELL technology. The CLEANWELL technology eliminates the need for pipe dopes and provides several advantages such as eliminating cleaning and re-doping on the rig, keeping the well and rig environment clean and providing very uniform make-up graphs. The CLEANWELL product also proved its value as a storage compound in that the connections were stored almost 10 months on the Gulf Coast with no corrosion or pitting.

The casing string was run for a major independent oil company in the Gulf of Mexico. The rig was Noble's *Max Smith* semi-submersible working in over 2000 ft of water in the Gulf of Mexico Green Canyon Block 238. The running of the VAM SLIJ-II connections was performed with standard running equipment and standard running procedures. Computer torque graphs and lifting plugs were used as recommended. The connections ran perfectly and the customer was both impressed and completely satisfied with the performance of the CLEANWELL.



VAM SLIJ-II Connection with
CLEANWELL



Noble Drilling's *Max Smith*
Semi-submersible rig.