



## VAM USA Vehicle Monitoring Positively Affects Driver Behavior

**HOUSTON–APRIL 9, 2015**–As part of an overall driver risk management program to reduce unsafe driving, VAM USA started a company vehicle monitoring program. The goal is to make VAM USA, not only the safest place to work at, but also a company where vehicles are operated in the safest manner possible.

VAM USA operates a fleet of 114 vehicles that log over 150,000 miles per month. Since December 2014 the entire fleet is outfitted with a monitoring device that tracks GPS location, speed, harsh braking, harsh cornering, harsh acceleration and seatbelt usage.

Currently, a report is prepared weekly that assesses the drivers on their driving behavior. This report is sent to each of their managers. This information is used as the basis for discussing driving behavior, recognizing both positive achievements and opportunities to improve. The results have been dramatic: there has been a 78% reduction in unsafe behavior and an over 80% reduction in speeding violations.

*According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and OSHA, about 40% of work related deaths in the USA are motor vehicle related, and about 30% of all vehicle fatalities are speeding related.*

### About VAM USA

Headquartered in Houston, Texas, VAM USA, the leading supplier of premium threaded connections for the oil and gas industry in the USA, continuously extends its product offerings in response to the fast-growing demand for premium connections, and provides today a complete set of solutions to both the Shale Plays and the Gulf of Mexico. VAM USA product lines include Threaded and Coupled, Flush and Semi Flush integral joints for carbon, alloy, and stainless steel tubing and casing, that meet or exceed the technical requirements of the energy industry. VAM USA performs on-site product development and qualification tests at its own state of the art Connection Technology Center, and offers extensive field service and technical services in support of projects across North America.

VAM USA is a joint venture company between Vallourec, Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corporation, and Sumitomo Corporation.

While affiliated with Vallourec, VAM USA is a separate operating entity from Vallourec Star, a seamless pipe manufacturer with facilities in Youngstown (OH), Houston (TX), and Muskogee (OK).

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