



New OCTG Resource for Permian Operators as the VAM® Licensee Network Expands

HOUSTON—AUGUST 04, 2016—J-Hobbs Machine was recently added to the wide VAM® [Licensee network](#) in North America, becoming the 1st VAM® OCTG licensee for the Permian basin. Until now customers in the region had to get VAM® TOP HT repairs and accessories in San Antonio or Houston increasing cost and delays. J-Hobbs Machine is located in Odessa, and is approved for the [DWC/C™](#) family (DWC/C™, DWC/C IS™, DWC/C IS PLUS™) and VAM® TOP HT, two key line of products for the onshore shale market. The addition of this new resource provides the local support that Permian operators need for their VAM® premium connection accessories and repairs.



The new Permian VAM® licensee manufactures a diverse range of superior quality OCTG products, including premium and non-premium threading on related OCTG tubular products and full-length tubular products, fulfilling our customers' real needs. J-Hobbs machining capabilities are up to 12" thru spindle, and 7 5/8" for swage and stress relief. The company has been in business for 35 years and operations are certified to both API Q1 9th Edition and ISO

9001. In addition to J-Hobbs for OCTG, drilling operators have depended on the region's 3 Vallourec [drilling products](#) licensees.

Even in a down market, Vallourec continues to focus on customers' needs: With this new licensee, customers can rely on a quality local resource for OCTG and make VAM® the best choice no matter the location. VAM® licensee network in North America already encompasses 47 companies in close proximity to all oil and gas fields in North America.

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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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