



VAM USA Night-Shift Completes Customer's Order Earlier than Committed Date

HOUSTON—SEPTEMBER 20, 2016—In the current environment, the just in time (JIT) delivery performance from Vallourec and VAM USA is a key performance for onshore batch drilling applications that require lean supply chain model for efficient and cost effective operations.

VAM USA Miller Road, Houston, TX night shift team completed more than 300 good joints in their 12hrs

shift with a 99.7% first time yield. It allowed VAM USA and Vallourec Star to complete this 1138 pieces Finished Goods order earlier than the committed delivery date to the customer. This order was delivered on time to one of Vallourec key partner and distributor Premier Pipe.

Those Finished Goods with DWC/C™-IS joints will be used onshore for a production casing application. The connection provides an increased torque capacity plus a high bending and fatigue capability. Its internal and external pressure on the connection equal to API pipe body ratings.

The internal shoulder prevents the coupling rotation at the

rig site especially when utilizing CRT for make-up.

This improvement results from the continuous technical enhancements (final quality control, process capability studies and cycle time reduction) of VAM USA production assets. Beyond those technical aspects it is far and foremost the fruit of a team committed in continuously improve VAM USA operational efficiency, quality and customer delivery. The previous record was set in August 2016 by Miller Rd Line 11 day-shift crew by producing 268 good joints in their shift.

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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