



World First Pressurised Subsea Pipeline Repair Facilitated By A Combination Of Non-Piggable And Piggable Isolation Tools

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In October 2013 an anchor strike damaged a 780km 28" gas pipeline from Yacheng Platform to Hong Kong.

Damage occurred in a water depth of 90m at the future midline gas compression PLEMS.

This year (2016) COOEC Subsea, on behalf of CNOOC, performed a subsea repair on the Yacheng pipeline, located in the South China Sea.



Damage and Initial Temporary Repair Actions

- North PLEM overturned and offset by 3m.
- 28" Pipeline tie-in section at North PLEM severely buckled ~ secured and supported the damaged pipe section.
- 14" bypass (400m) installed between South PLEM and North PLEM ~ 28" valves closed.
- Two leaks from valves in the North PLEM sealed.

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Permanent Repair

- Removal of existing PLEMs, the 400m pipeline section between them and the severely buckled pipeline section.
- Recovery of both pipeline ends onto a pipe-lay vessel.
- Installation of new pipeline sections and tie-in flanges onto existing pipeline and re-laid onto seabed.
- Installation of two new PLEMs, 25m apart as opposed to original 400m.
- Tie-in of both ends of the pipeline to the new PLEMs.
- Tie-in spool connected between the PLEMs.



- 28" Pipeline remained pressurised (780km at 50bar / 725psi).
- No residual seawater was allowed to remain in the system.







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Hot Tap Fitting Deployed and Fitted to Pipeline





Handling frame with hot tap fitting and hot tap machine being deployed

North PLEM showing damaged pipe section

preventing deployment of piggable isolation tool



Intervention and Isolation









Subsea Launcher Installed - Once Safe Access Provided by BISEP











Pigging the Tecno Plugs into the Pipeline with Nitrogen





Tecno Plugs Pigged, Set and Proved





Pipeline Isolated with Tecno Plugs – 4 Plugs Simultaneously





Pressurised Pipeline Recovery: PRT Recovering Pipeline Ends onto Pipelay Vessel





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Pipeline Lay Down & Plug Repositioning







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New PLEMs Installed







New PLEMs (25m apart) Connected Together with Closure Spool





Schedule







Animation





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Conclusion & Lessons Learnt

- Learning Curve: New Country, New Client, New Technology Application ...
- Culture
- Logistics
- Equipment worked flawlessly ...
- Very Happy Clients ... CNOOC & COOEC
- Milestone Project



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