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First Running of CLEANWELL[®] on Integral Connections in the USA Gulf of Mexico



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

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 casing string was originally threaded in August of 2004 and scheduled to be run in November 2004. Well design changes and rig delays prevented the pipe from being run until June 2005 on another project. 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 2000ft 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[®]

