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## **MORE SUCCESS FOR VAM TOP CLEANWELL IN THE NORTH SEA**

Following the success in July 2004 of the CLEANWELL rig demonstration in Aberdeen performed by VMOG UK, witnessed by many North Sea operators, Petro-Canada has successfully achieved its first UK field run of V&M Tubes' CLEANWELL dope free system. In October '04, Petro-Canada ran 326 joints of 5 ½ 17# L8013CR VAM TOP HC in their Pict field on well 21/23B.

CLEANWELL is a specially developed environmentally friendly surface treatment, applied to VAM TOP connections in carbon steel and 13% chromium materials, which eliminates the need for tubular storage dope and thread compound. Whilst running CLEANWELL on VAM TOP, the worldwide industry standard in premium connections, Petro-Canada experienced the benefit of simplified offshore tubular preparation coupled with the eradication of dope contamination from both the well and the environment. In view of this accomplishment, Petro-Canada is now ready to introduce CLEANWELL as the standard solution for future applications.