



VALLOUREC &amp; MANNESMANN TUBES

## VAM® Changzhou: One year already!

VAM® Changzhou threaded the first tubes in October 2007. Since, production has been ramping up and the team is now mastering the production of VAM® TOP to serve our Chinese clients. Production of DINO VAM® and VAM® MUST have also been successfully added to the range of products in 2008. Starting production from a green field operation represented many challenges. Having the opportunity to work with world class level new equipment was a chance but required a lot of training and attention on the organization. Learning and understanding VAM® quality and service expectation was a daily mission not only for workers but also for managers. Thanks to the great supports of all OCTG and VAM® team worldwide, efficient start up was achieved and all products are regularly delivered at expected quality level to our clients.

From the start of the operation, safety was also one of our major concerns. Specific training and attention has been put to work on safe behavior of the all team. VAM® Changzhou have achieved 0 accident record during its first year of production. This is sending a strong message from the start that we can work in a safe environment. For every one it is now clear that "safety in your mind is life in your hands".