

Enhancing Small Bore Tubing (SBT) Integrity

Minimising Hydrocarbon Leaks & Unplanned Shutdowns

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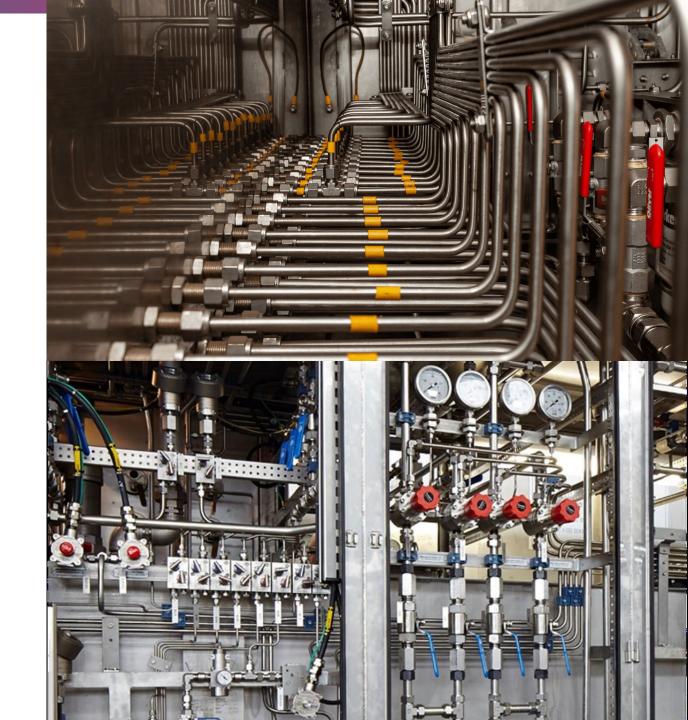
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Asset Integrity ProblemContext

- What is Small Bore Tubing?
- The role of SBT in offshore topsides?
- Vulnerability of tubing?

"17% of all reported hydrocarbon leaks were related to instruments (half considered major or significant releases)."

"58% of all instrument leaks were gas releases for which the significant severity threshold was breached (notionally an amount greater than 1 kg)"



Industry Case Study North Sea Platform (2015)



What happened?

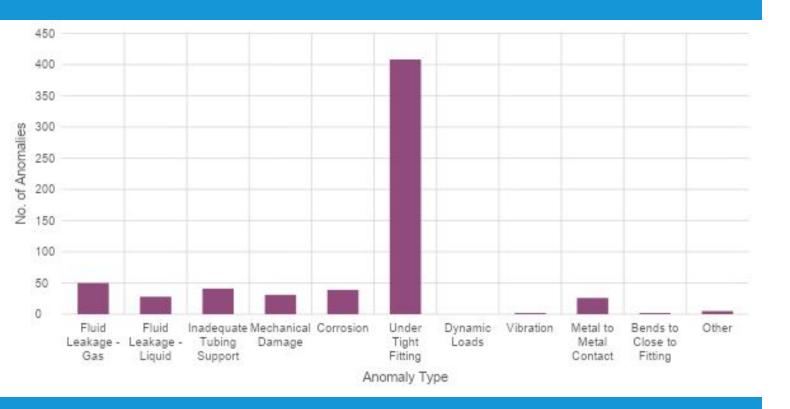
 Hydrocarbon gas release estimated ~2000kg over 84-minute period

 Originated from small bore instrumentation tubing near gas compressor.

 HSE issued safety notice to operator for failing to prevent leak.



SBT Anomalies Across a Platform 2020-Present





ROSEN assessment of 331 inspection reports for one platform:

- 632 individual anomalies reported during
 SKN Offshore SBT Inspection
 Campaigns.
- Primarily under tight fittings.
- Approximately 12% of anomalies were associated with a leak (either gas or liquid).

Example

Hydrocarbon Gas Leak



Information

- Both leaks are from Gas Lift System
- ½-inch tubing will contain hydrocarbon gas at lift pressure (100+barg).



Example

Mechanical Damage



Information

- Inspector noted that he strongly suspects the tubing has been stood on.
- This tubing is connected to the 3rd stage injection compressor and could see pressures up to 240barg



Small Bore Tubing Service What we offer





Offshore Inspection

Provider of Project Management and E&I Maintenance, Installation and Inspection Services to the Energy Sector.



Integrity, Assurance, Risk **Assessment & Prioritisation**

Provider of Integrity and Consultancy Services to the Energy Sector.

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How we support

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Plan Inspection Campaign

- Inspection priority
- Prepare inspection plan and work packs

Propose Corrective Action

- Provide a clear repair plan for all anomalies, including repair priorities and dates, for entry into the client's maintenance system.
- Work order prioritisation



Offshore Inspection

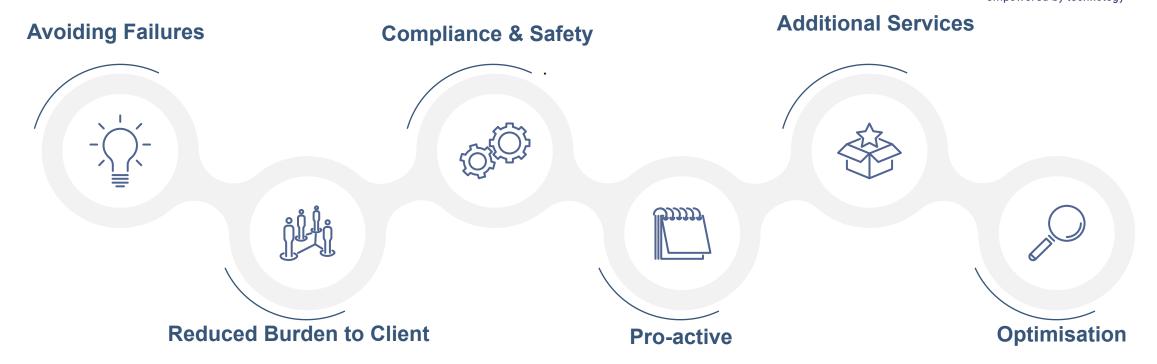
- Carry out inspection
- Raise work orders
- Anomaly management

Onshore Integrity Assessment

- Review SBT inspection reports and provide engineering assessments aligned with client strategies and Energy Institute guidelines
- Prioritise anomalies using the client's 5x5 risk matrix.
- Technical support with SBT Integrity related issues.

Values and Benefits





- This **fully managed** approach to SBT management streamlines the process and ultimately reduces burden for the operator.
- Promotes proactive repairs during campaigns when permitted and optimises prioritisation of corrective work based on the El guidelines.

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