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Maximize artificial lift systems reliability due to continuous in-house failure analysis and optimization

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Introduction OMV Austria

- Production ~28,000 boe/day
- 10% of the Austrian oil and gas demand
- ▶ 50 fields
- 600 employees
- Technology center of OMV group
- 120 WI per year



Introduction Artificial Lift Systems



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Failure Analysis Information



Failure Analysis Documentation



Optimization SRP Equipment



Optimization SRP Equipment and Cause



Optimization SRP Root Cause Failure Analysis

OMV TECH Center & Lab & AC²T research

- Barrel: Honing scratches in chromium layer as starting point for corrosion
- Plunger: Quality and thickness of spray metal coating
- Improved OMV Specification for SRP and quality assurance by factory acceptance tests

Valve

- Valve deformation main driver
- No corrosion detected
- No erosion by dispersed sand
- No sand particles embedded

Optimization SRP Customization

SRP downhole pump					
Equipment	Seating a	ssembly	Barrel	Valve	
Failure cause	Abrasion rod guide	Abrasion seating assembly	Corrosion body hole	Blocked by sand	
Failure reason	Valve rod movement in deviated well		Corrosion and abrasion	Sand	
Solutions	Spiral rod guide to stabilze valve rod		Brass barrel	Full flow cage	
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SRP downhole pump			
Equipment	Valve rod	Plunger	Lower travelling valve
Failure cause	Unscrewed	Stuck plunger	Hole in valve cage
Failure reason	Tagbottom	Sand	Gas
Solutions	Collet type valve rod bushing	FARR [™] plunger	Gas lock breaker heavy ball and seat

Optimization ESP ALS Subsystem



Optimization ESP Equipment and Condition Monitoring



Optimization ESP Gas Separator



Optimization ESP Equipment and Condition Monitoring



Optimization ESP Pump



Optimization ESP Customization

- Pump
 - Mixed flow
 - 1 tungsten carbide bearing per ft
 - Compression pumps
- Intake
 - Change from gas separator to intake
 - Tungsten carbide bearings
- Protectors
 - Tandem protector with up to 6 seals
- Motor
 - Single motor
- Cable
 - Lead cable with factory spliced MLE

Results SRP Downhole Pump - Failure Recurrence Index



Results SRP - Mean Time Between Failures



Results SRP - Life Cycle Cost

Total life cycle cost and break even point analysis



Summary

- In-house failure analysis serves as the fundament for continuous artificial lift system optimization
- Quality assurance by factory acceptance tests at the pump manufacturer and laboratory inspection of failed parts ensures high quality of equipment
- Root cause failure analysis is a vital method to mitigate severe and recurring problems
- Economics: Increase of runlife leads to a decreasing amount of well interventions thereby decreasing life cycle costs
- Shift from standardization to customization of equipment for specific well conditions

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