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Vessel Inspection







• Entering a confined space is considered as a high risk to personnel. Several life saving rules are related to the entering of confined spaces.





- Health safety and environment HSE
 - Exclude human entering of vessels
 - Lifting operations and major scaffolding and isolation work in height eliminated or significantly reduced.
 - The reduced amount of splitting flanges reduces risk for gas leakages during startup

"Human rather than technical failures now represent the greatest threat to complex and potentially hazardous systems"

James Reason 1995



- Efficiency and cost
 - Reduce man hours to prepare for inspection
 - Potential for reducing the inspection period
 - Potential for reducing shut down time
 - Improved inspection quality and data collection compared to conventional inspection







Vessel Inspection – robotic arm – Telbot®



- Camera and light.
- Multiple jointed arm.
- Pre-programmed movements of arm.
- Entry through manhole.
- Full recovery (no loose parts)



Vessel Inspection – robotic arms





Vessel Inspection – control room container





Vessel Inspection – results













- > Telbot[®] cleaning and visual inspection
 - ATEX certified
 - Camera for visual inspection
 - Water nozzle for cleaning
 - Remotely operated manually and with preprogrammed arm movements



Vessel Inspection – New generation – Telbot[®]







Vessel Inspection – camera lifts

- Guidewires to control movements.
- Access horizontally and vertically.
- Dolly with camera and lights.
- Installation and inspection operated from outside of the vessel.
- Entry through small nozzles (2inc.) and manholes.
- Full recovery (no loose parts).





Vessel Inspection – camera lift - development



- Single access point manway
- Efficient installation
- Weight<25kg
- Adjustable fits different types of camera
- Compact size
- Easy to operate





Vessel Inspection – lattice arm

- Camera and light videoboroscope (D=6,1 mm.)
- Low weight
- Range 4 meters
- Positioning of the joints with a remote and manual control system.





Vessel Inspection – lattice arm











- 2011: Remote inspection of 1 vessels at Shell's Ormen Lange (Nyhamna, Norway) onshore processing facilities. Inspection performed using robotic arm Telbot I.
- 2012: Remote inspection of four vessels at Shell's Ormen Lange (Nyhamna, Norway) onshore processing facilities. Executed during a planned turn over/shut down. Vessels inspected consecutively over four days using the same equipment, 1 day per vessel. Inspection performed using robotic arm Telbot I.
- 2013: Remote inspection of two vesselss at Shell's Ormen Lange (Nyhamna, Norway) onshore processing facilities. Inspection performed using robotic arm Telbot I.
- 2013: Inspection of four vessels at Statoils Kårstø (Norway) onshore processing facilities. Inspection performed using a camera lift together with lattice arm.
- 2014: Inspection(demonstration) of two vessels at Shell/NAM's facilities outside Groningen, Netherland. Inspection performed using the Telbot I.



- <u>2011 2015: DEMO 2000 Reward:</u> PZL was rewarded with "DEMO2000"s annual allocation of R&D funding for further development of the remote tank inspection concept. Together with Shell, Statoil and Gassco PZL is now looking for further applications of the concept. Demo 2000 consept to be demonstrated in 2015.
- 2015: Inspection of one vessel at Statoil Kårstø (Norway) onshore processing facilities. Inspection performed using the Telbot II – developed through the Demo 2000 project.

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