

# **Zerust® Inhibitor Fusion (ZIF) Tape**

*Silicone Fusion Tape*

Corrosion  
Solutions

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# ***Zerust<sup>®</sup> Inhibitor Fusion (ZIF) Tape***

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# The Problem

- Unprotected flanges, valves and instruments can lead to crevice corrosion and frozen nuts and bolts.
- Crevice corrosion between flange faces is a severe problem where the wedging action of corrosion products can lead to a significant risk of product leakage.
- Frozen nuts and bolts can lead to hours of delay to cold cut all bolts.



# The Solution

## Zerust<sup>®</sup> Inhibitor Fusion (ZIF) Tape

ZIF Tape can provide corrosion protection for flanges, valves, instrument preventing the severity of these problems.



## Product Description

- ZIF Tape is a corrosion inhibiting tape based on silicone elastomers with proprietary Zerust corrosion inhibitor chemistry integrated into the matrix.
- It combines Zerust's proven corrosion protection benefits with the specific properties of a self-fusing film for easy, cold application.



Available in 36 ft. long, individual, whole rolls in 2", 4", 12" and 16" widths.

# ZIF Tape Application

## High Heat Temperature / Flange Protection

- ZIF Tape can be used as protection for flanges against corrosion for temperatures up to 200° C instead of the typically used Zerust® Transparent Flange Saver®.
- The Flange Saver is a transparent film infused with VCI that is wrapped around the flange, tightly secured, and forms an enclosure around the flange allowing the VCI molecules to adsorb onto metal surfaces to form a protective layer against corrosion.



# ZIF Tape Application

## *Corrosion Under Insulation (CUI)*

HISTORICAL DATA SHOWS THAT ABOUT **60% OF PIPE LEAKS ARE CAUSED BY CUI.**

- CUI is any type of corrosion that occurs due to a moisture buildup on the external surface of insulated equipment.
- CUI is one of the Chemical/Petrochemical processing industries worst problems and the costs associated with mitigation are astronomical.
- If undetected, CUI can result in the shutdown of a process unit or an entire facility, and in rare cases it may result in a process safety incident.
- CUI is one of the most difficult processes to prevent.





# ZIF Tape *Features*

- It is stable under prolonged exposure to UV/sunlight and is translucent in appearance.
- It is non-tacky to the touch, but will 'fuse' within ~30 seconds to form a permanent bond.
- It is elastic in nature and can be stretched to provide closer fits to surfaces to which it is applied.
- This close fit, coupled with the application tension minimizes the gaps/spaces where moisture might penetrate.



Winner of the French Oil & Gas Council Innovation Award for Zerust's® ZIF Tape

# ZIF Tape

## Features

- Provide protection by Zerust Corrosion Inhibitors. **YES**
- High capacity to conforms / molds when wrapped around/onto complex shapes. **YES**
- Bond to itself rapidly and remains non-tacky to the touch. **YES**
- Cold, easy and quick application process. **YES**
- No residue remains, when remove the tape. **YES**
- Wind, sunlight UV, oxygen and seawater resistance. **YES**
- No heat/equipment required. **YES**
- Wide range of application temperatures **YES**
- Flame resistant when wrapped. **YES**
- Protection from welding sparks. **YES**
- Good mechanical and puncture resistance, even around sharp edges. **YES**
- At least 5-10 years of corrosion protection. **YES**

# Application Procedures Overview

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# ZIF Tape Application Procedure

## 2° Cold Application @ EJA Jurong



# ZIF Tape Application Preparation

## *Application Procedure @ EJA Jurong*

Before using ZIF Tape, apply Zerust® AxxaWash™ NW10-C (5% into Fresh Water) onto the flange surface to provide powerful cleaning and corrosion prevention action on metallic and non-metallic substrates that are exposed to highly corrosive inorganic, bonded surface-reacted salts. This is an aqueous-based solution.



# ZIF Tape Application

## *Application Procedure @ EJA Jurong*



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# Completed ZIF Tape Application

*Application Procedure @ EJA Jurong*



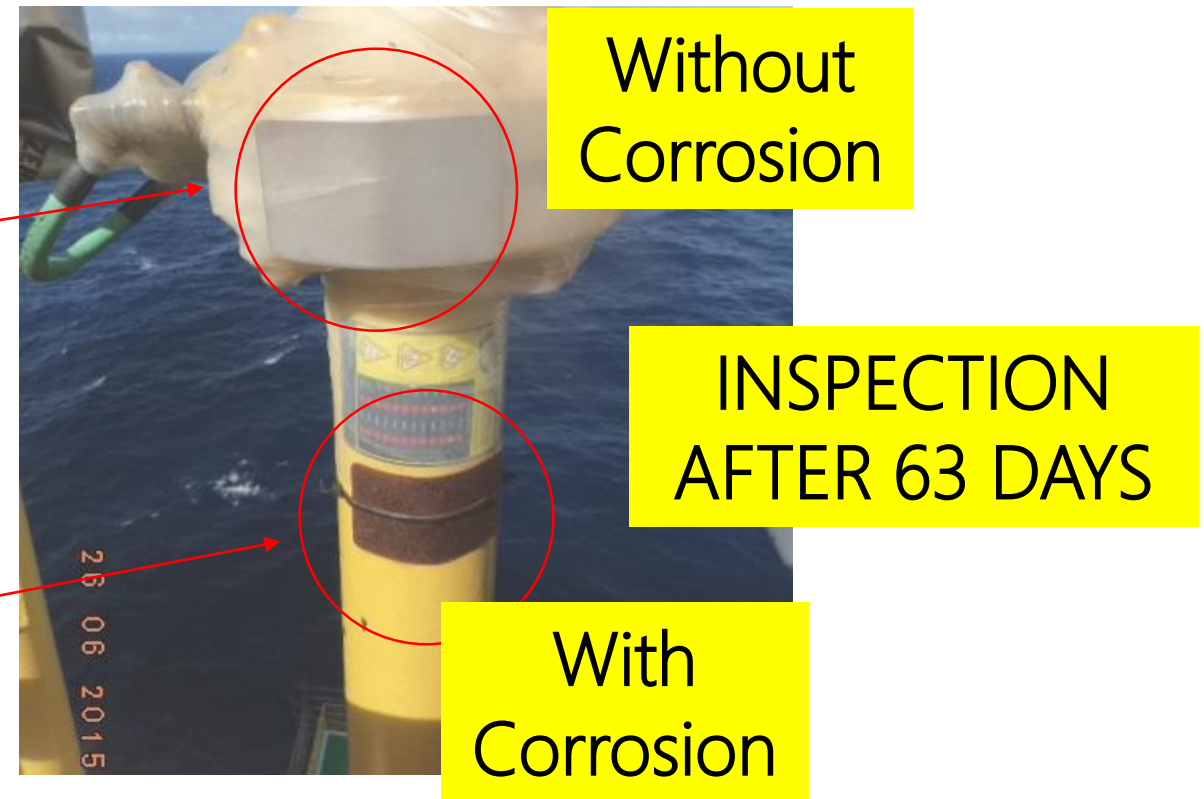
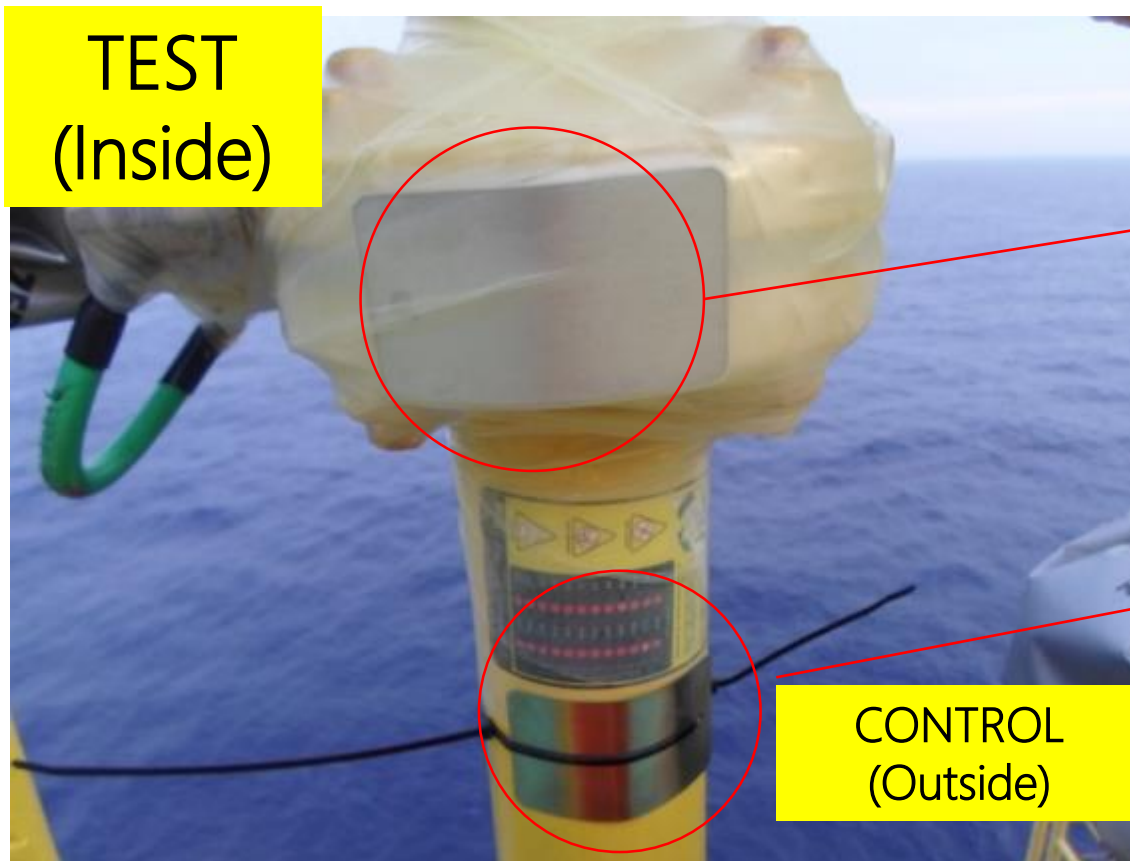
# Zerust<sup>®</sup> Inhibitor Fusion (ZIF) Applications & Results

FPSO/Shipyard/Flanges

# ZIF Tape Flange Trials

@Petrobras FPSO P56

## Carbon Steel Panel SAE1010



# ZIF Tape

@Petrobras P56 FPSO – Offshore environment



# ZIF Tape

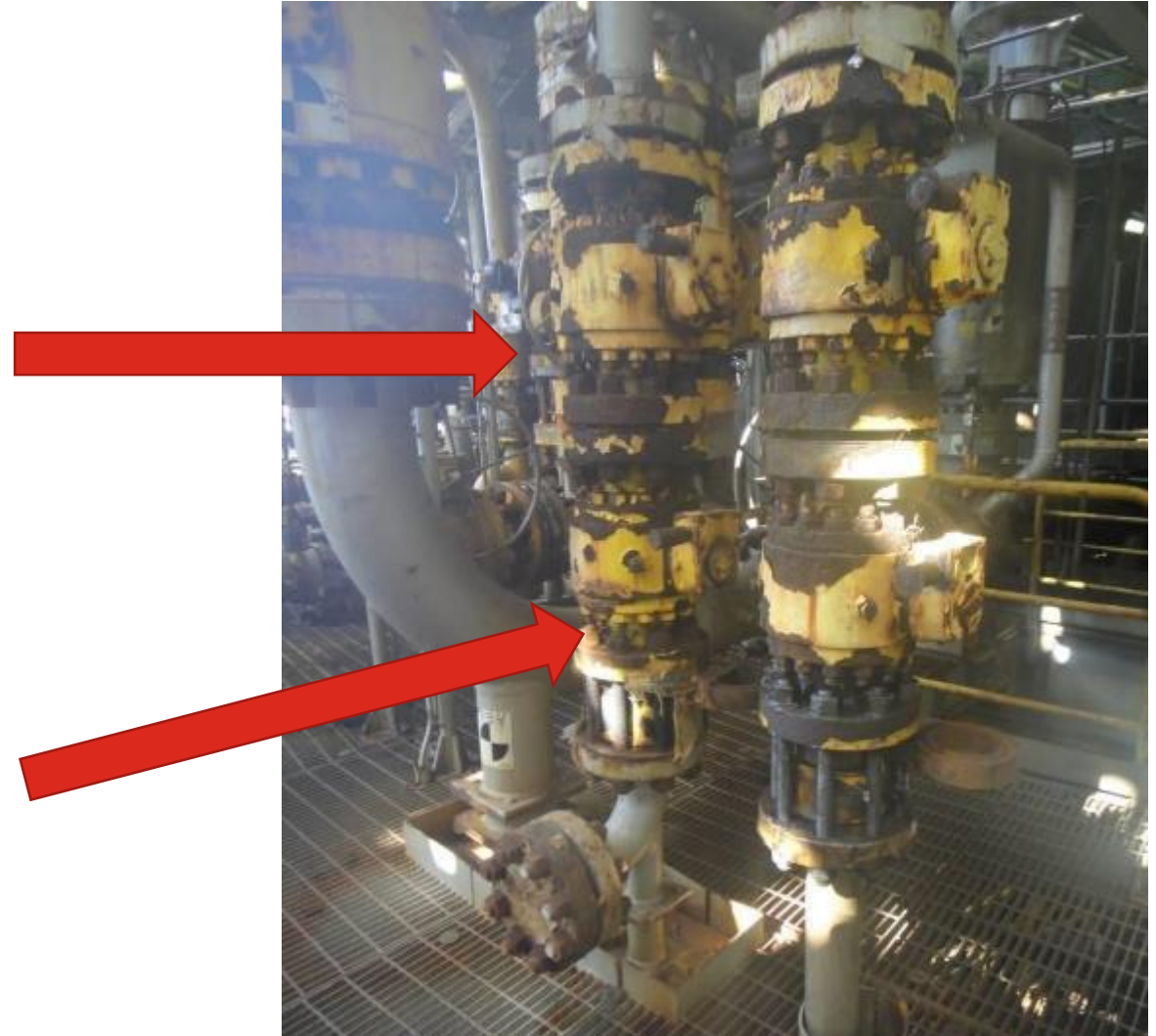
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# FPSO in Brazil – Flange Corrosion Problem

After 4 Years

- Frozen nuts and bolts: Hours of delay to cold cut all bolts.
- Crevice corrosion between flange faces: Wedging action of corrosion product causes significant risk of product leakage



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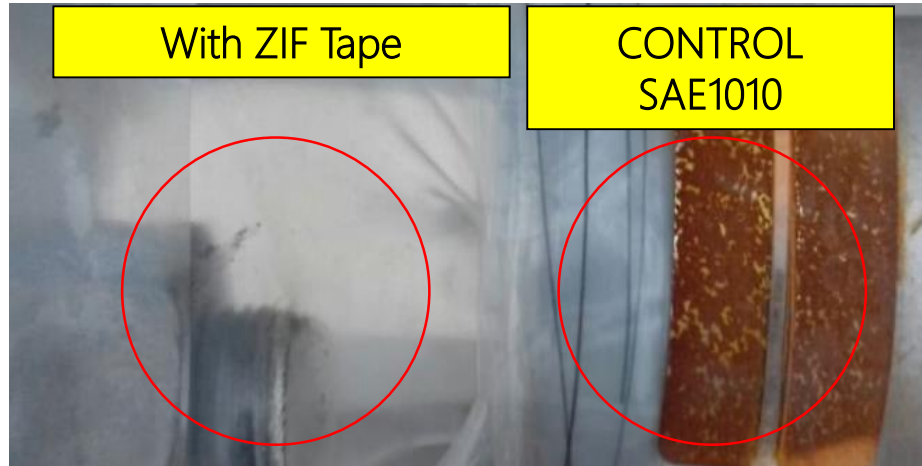
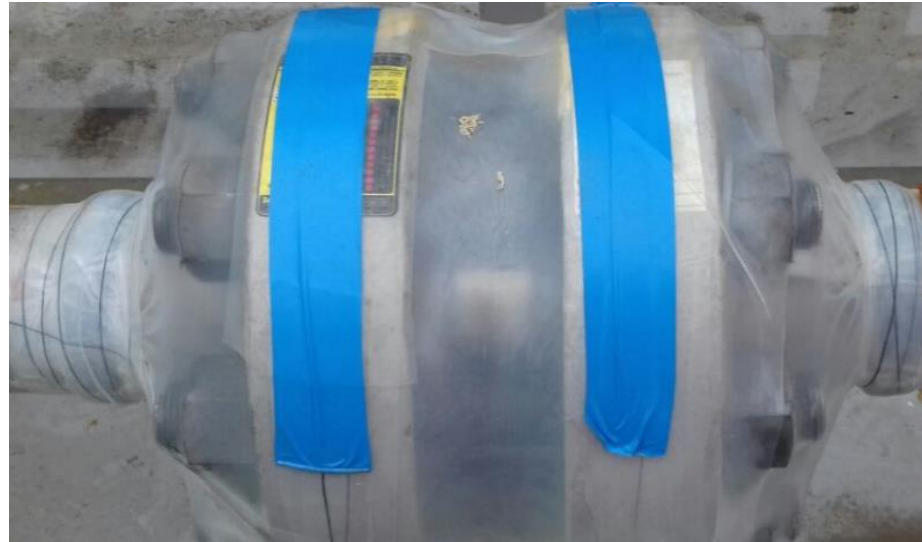


# ZIF Tape Flange Trials

@Petrobras FPSO P56



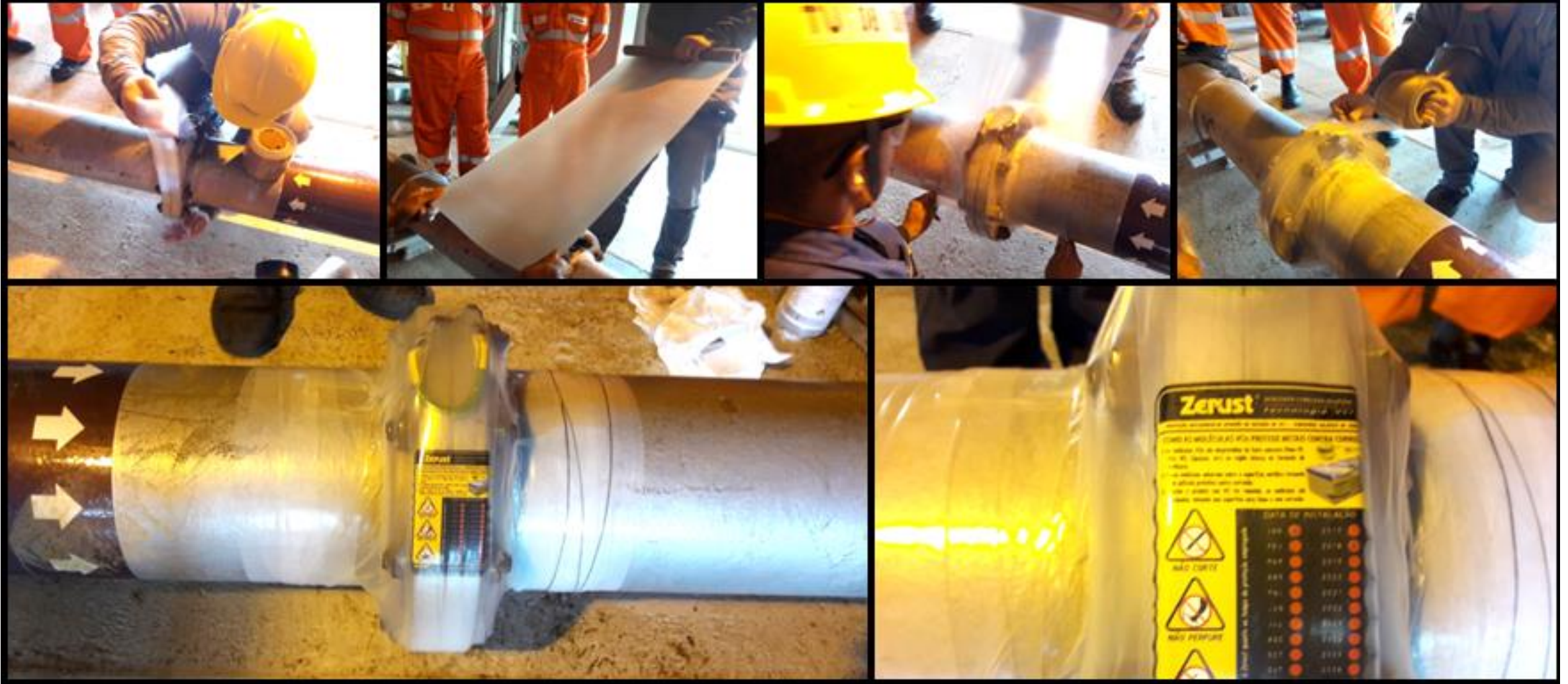
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AFTER 45 DAYS**





# ZIF Tape

@Petrobras FPSO



# Fita ZIF Tape

@Petrobras FPSO



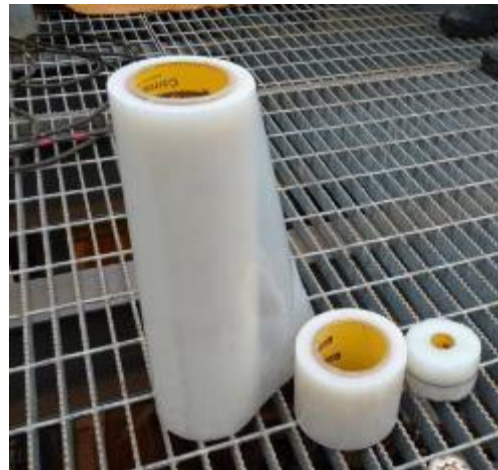
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# ZIF Tape | Shipyard Application

@ *Brasa Shipyard*



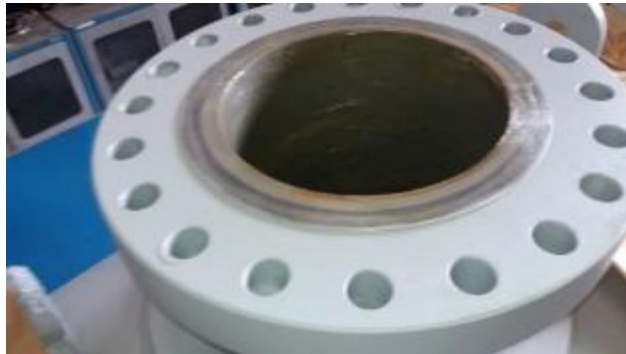
# ZIF Tape | Shipyard Application

@ CTF FERROSTAAL - Shipyard



# ZIF Tape Application

## MODEC



# Atmospheric Corrosion (Partial CUI) Field Trial Case Study Report

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Central Europe/Belgium

# CUI Field Trial Introduction

- ZIF Tape being applied on petroleum refinery in Belgium, this included multiple areas of live trial on  $< +100^{\circ}\text{C}$  lines.
- Client has historical issues of Corrosion Under Insulation (CUI) lines and looking for a more robust solution to provide longevity and maintain integrity for continued safe operations.
- Trial was conducted on various operational “live lines” from ambient to  $+100^{\circ}\text{C}$
- **Trial timelines**
  - Implementation November 2018.
  - Inspection of trialed areas October 2019.





# CUI/Scab Repair Project Related Comparisons

## Conventional Coating Vs. ZIF Tape

### Conventional Coating

- 3 layer Epoxy
- Permits
- Blast equipment/Hoses/Gauntlets/PPE
- SA 2.5 – reliance on the skill of the application team
- BOLL cert
- Air purification tests
- Compressors (EX rated zone 0)
- Generators (EX rated zone 0)
- 3 x man team (min. requirement for blasting team)
- Paint
- Spray Equipment
- QA/QC Inspector
- Holiday test
- Potential mechanical damage to the coating allowing for corrosion triangle to take effect.

### ZIF Tape:

- Minor Surface preparation; wire brush and solvent application.
- Only Cold Work Permit needed and 2 technicians for implementation
- Wrap ZIF Tape around pipe, making sure to overlap tape as you go for proper fusion.

## Site 1 & Site 2 Locations

### Problem:

Widespread atmospheric corrosion witnessed, client looking at reducing commercial factors and ease of implementation whilst maintaining integrity for continued operations without shutdown.

### Solution:

Zerust Oil and Gas were selected to “trial” ZIF Tape on various scab repair areas, as client was keen to explore new technologies and smarter ways of working, client was able to conduct such trials with relative ease and non intrusive manner and no need for blasting certifications and all the set up required for a 3 layer coating system.

ZIF Tape was applied on 2”-6” lines at multiple temperature(s) in approx. 1 meter trial sections.

Most trial sections were cleaned to ST2 and wrapped with ZIF Tape within a 10 minute period.



## Site 1 & Site 2

### Bare Substrate Exposed:



### NDT – Non Destructive Testing

*Thickness measurements were taken and written on the steel substrate.*



## Site 1 & Site 2

Inspection and Integrity Lead  
Recording NDT Data



Multiple Areas Were Utilized



## Site 1 & Site 2

Implementation of ZIF Tape following NDT Inspections.



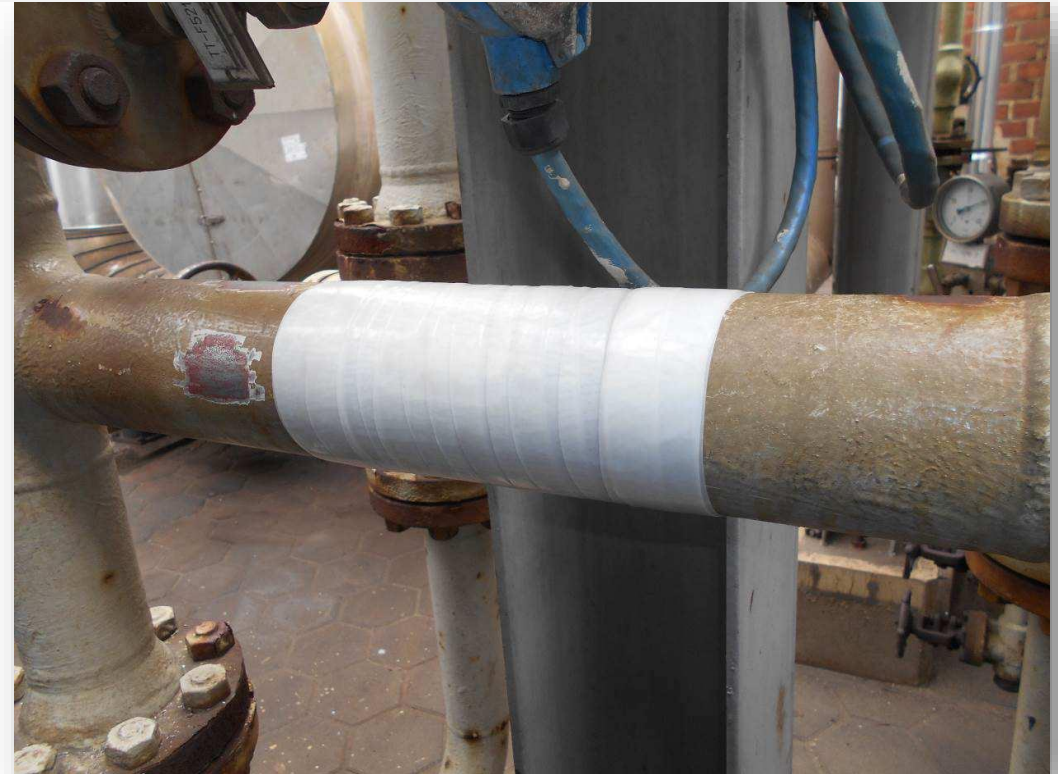
## Site 1 & Site 2

### 50% Side By Side Overlap During Implementation



### Protected vs Control

*Scrapped back exposed metal left open to atmospheric corrosion vs protected pipeline using ZIF Tape.*



## Site 1 & Site 2

### Various Horizontal & Vertical Areas Trialed



## Site 1 & Site 2

### Implementation on Bends to Demonstrate Ease of Installation



### Protected and Control Test





# Results and Conclusions

## 11 Month Field Trial with ZIF Tape for CUI

- The ZIF Tape was removed (October 2019) following a 11 month live field trial.
- The wrapped pipework/panels with blank scraped surface were corrosion free, whereas the unprotected panels without tape had atmospheric surface corrosion.
- As witnessed in the provided images, the main pipelines were also protected from atmospheric corrosion.
- The trial was so conclusive and evidential that the client did not require to Re-NDT the protected areas as they showed zero signs of corrosion.

# Trial Results

Date(s):

Conducted - November 2018

Inspected - October 2019

Duration - 11 months duration.



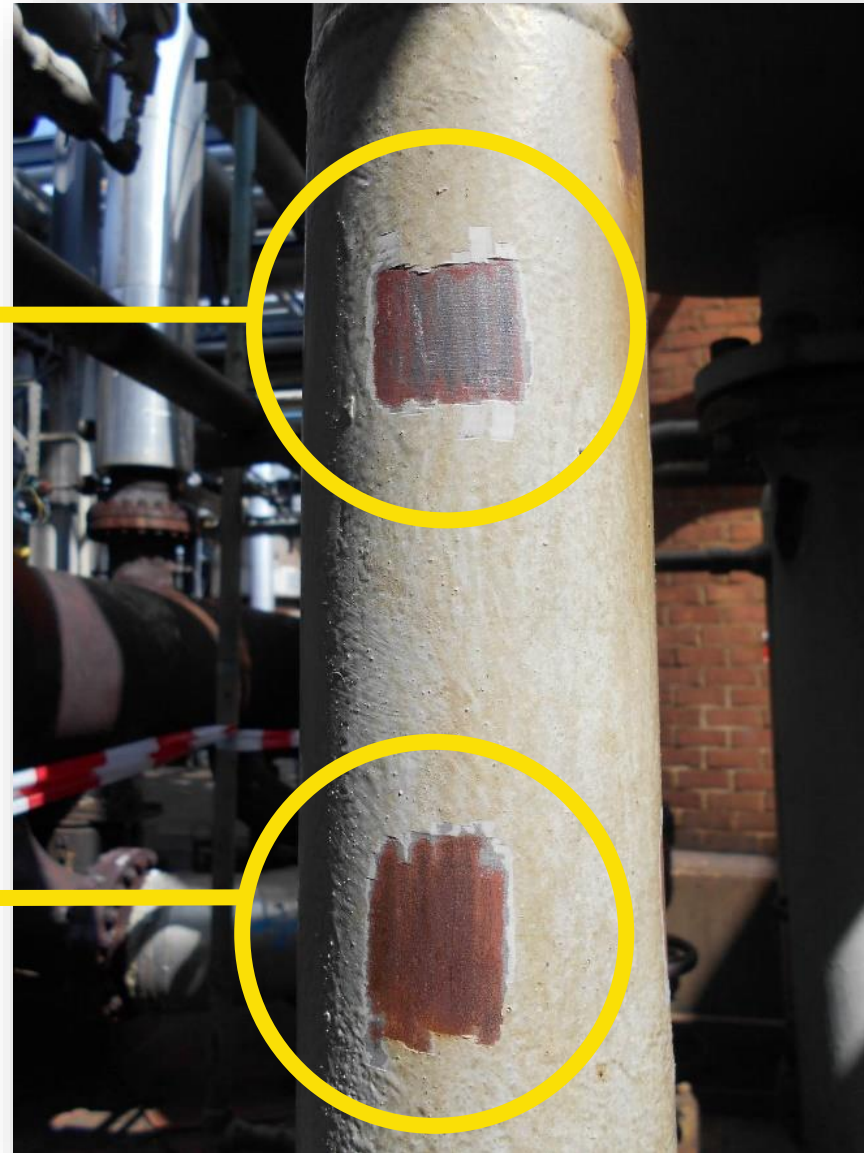
## Trial Results

Top exposed panel ←

- Protected with ZIF Tape
- Bare, scrapped area corrosion free

Bottom exposed panel ←

- Visible signs of degradation and surface corrosion



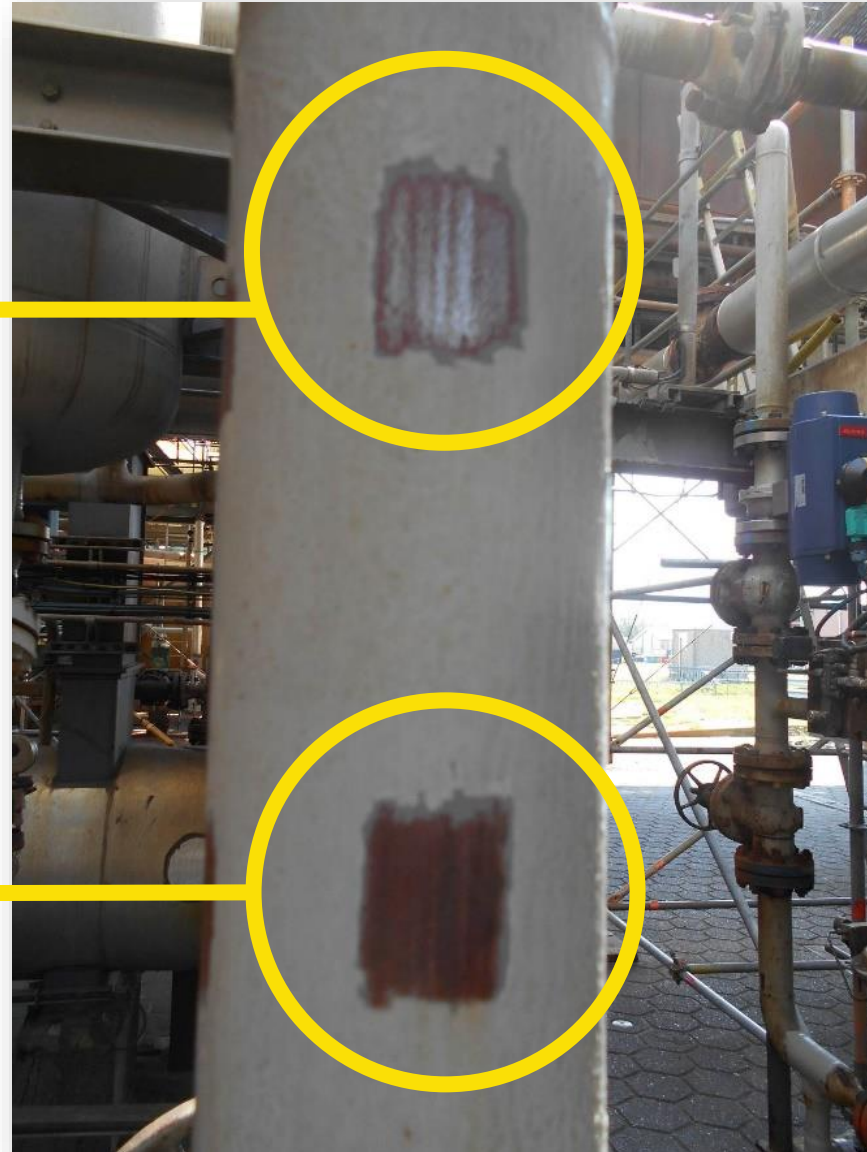
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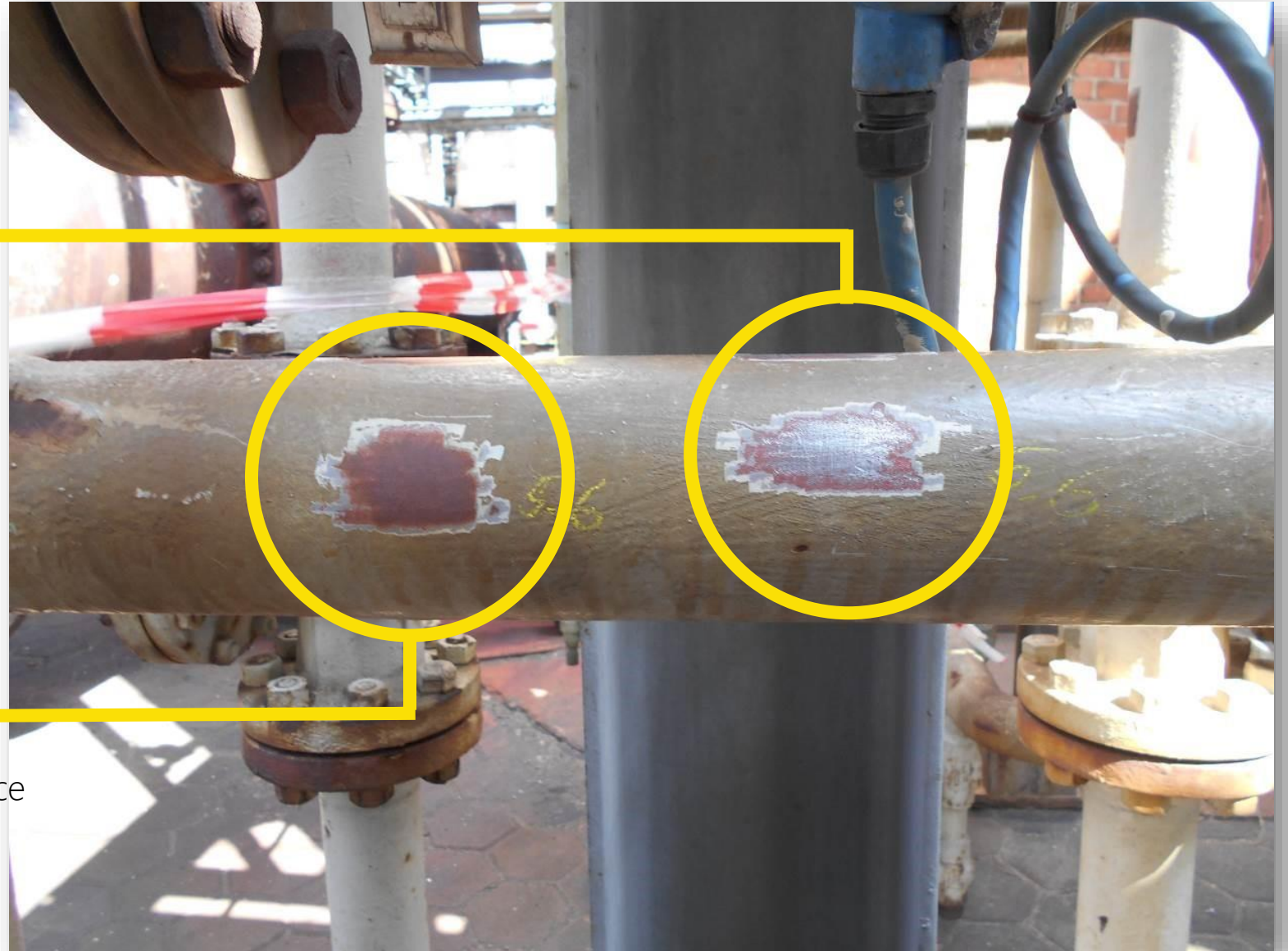
## Trial Results Continued

Right-hand side exposed panel ←

- Protected with ZIF Tape
- Bare, scrapped area corrosion free

Left-hand side exposed panel ←

- Visible signs of degradation and surface corrosion



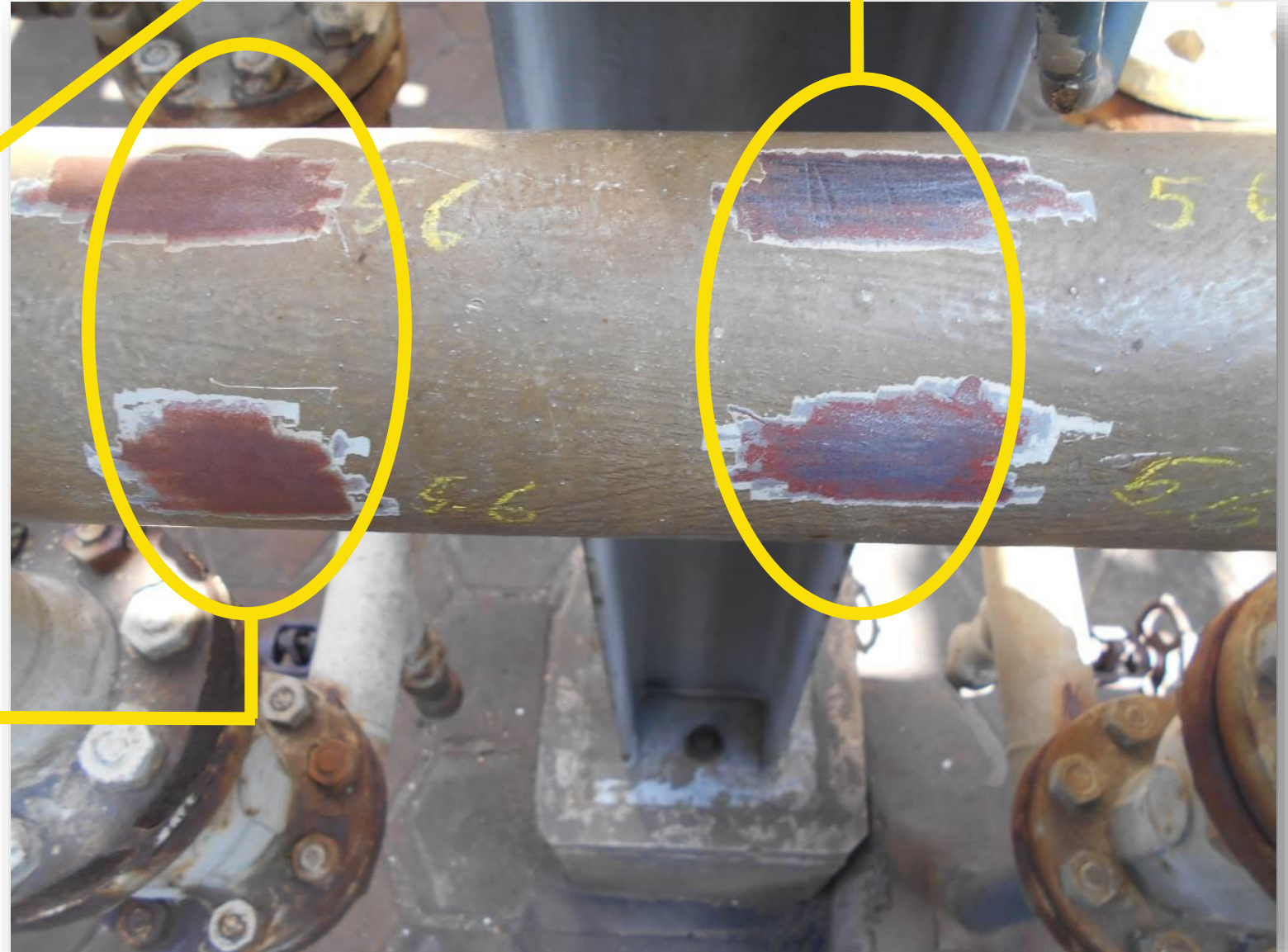
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# Trial Results

Protected Vertical and Bend within Protected Area(s) of Applied ZIF Tape



Pipeline was Operating at Over +100°C



# *6 Month Field Trial for Pipe Protection*

*With Zerust<sup>®</sup> Inhibitor Fusion (ZIF) Tape*



# Trial Results

## Protected Pipe and Coupon with Applied ZIF Tape



This pipe was jetty side in close proximity to a massive salt mountain creating a harsh and severe environment conducive for corrosion.

## Removal of ZIF Tape 6 Months After Application with No Signs of Corrosion to Coupon



# Trial Results

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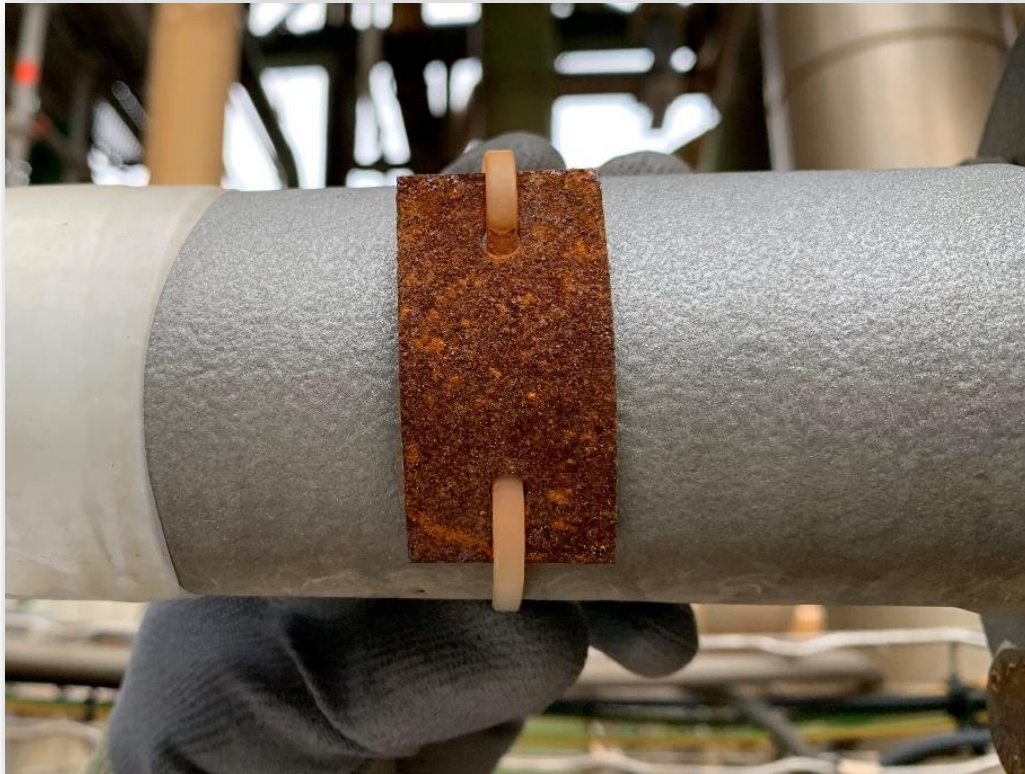
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# Trial Results

Control Coupon



Protected Coupon After 6 Months



# Client Testimonial

From: [REDACTED] CONFIDENTIAL

Date: Mon, 4 Nov 2019 at 07:58

Subject: RE: Zerust CUI Tape Trial and Meeting Results. Rig-Tech, [REDACTED] CONFIDENTIAL

To: Dale Matthews <[dale@rig-tech.co.uk](mailto:dale@rig-tech.co.uk)>

[REDACTED] CONFIDENTIAL

Hello Dale,

I was on holiday last week. In annex some of the photos from the status of the pipes after removal of the Zerust tape. I removed the tape at the end of august. The pipe surfaces were in the same condition as before we placed the tape. For that reason, I didn't plan any other UT on it.

Regards,

[REDACTED] CONFIDENTIAL

Inspection Engineer

[REDACTED] CONFIDENTIAL

# *Welding Sparks Resistance Test*

*With Zerust<sup>®</sup> Inhibitor Fusion (ZIF) Tape*



# ZIF Tape

## *Welding sparks resistance test*

The application procedure starts with spraying **Zerust® AxxaWash™ NW10-C** (Dilution rate 1:20 OR 5% into City Water) onto the flange/metal surface to provide powerful cleaning and corrosion prevention action on metallic and non-metallic substrates exposed to highly corrosive inorganic, bonded surface-reacted salts. It is an aqueous-based solution.

Then apply ZIF Tape.

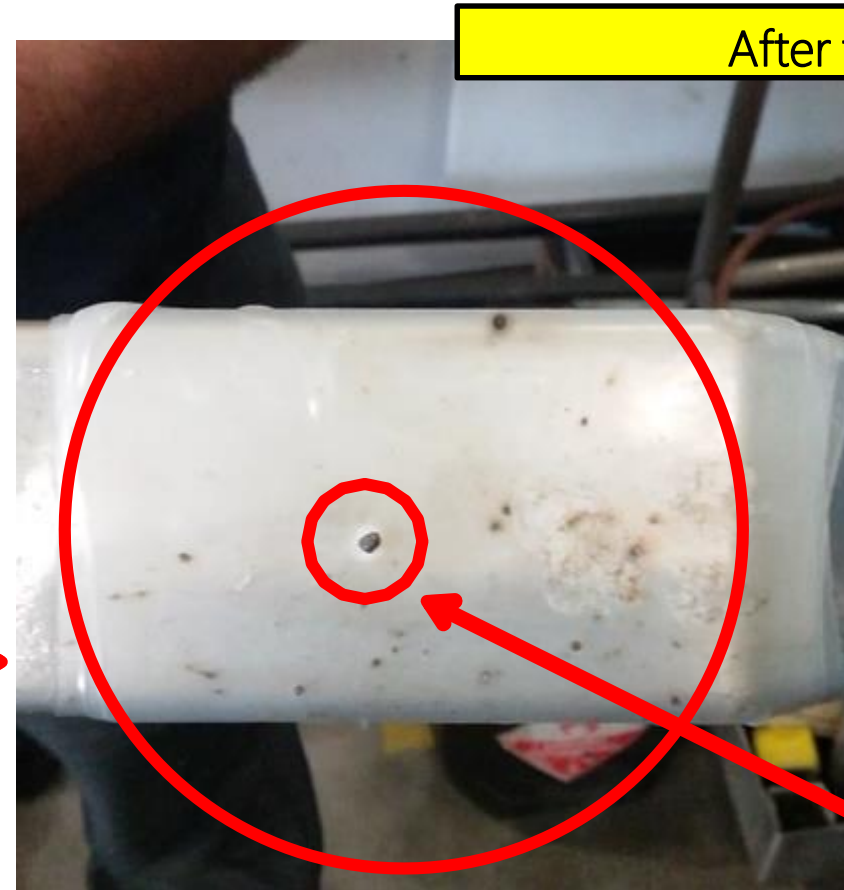


ZIF Tape

Zerust® AxxaWash™ NW10-C  
(concentrated liquid)

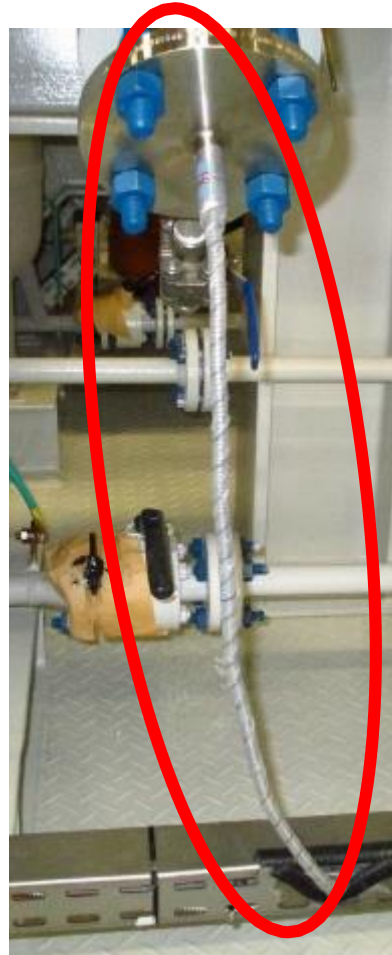
# ZIF Tape

## *Application Procedure*



# ZIF Tape

*Where ZIF Tape can be applied to provide protection from welding sparks and corrosion during the construction phase.*





# Zerust® Inhibitor Fusion (ZIF) Tape Conclusion

- Easy to Implement
- Substantial overall commercial savings vs. conventional coating systems
- Non-Intrusive
- Continued In-Service Operational activities
- 5-10+ years of protection
- Easy to inspect due to translucent nature of the ZIF Tape.
- Easy to remove
- Provides a 2 layer barrier:
  - By means of a physical barrier of a robust Silicone based material
  - By means of a corrosion inhibitor that will form a molecular layer of protection and neutralize any contaminants.



# Thank You

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