

ANTECH END-OF-CT DETECTOR SYSTEM OFFERS SIGNIFICANT SAFETY BENEFITS

Non-invasive Wellhead Sensor Takes Guesswork Out of Detecting End of Coiled Tubing Inside Riser, Preventing Injuries and Saving Lives

EXETER, England – 23 November 2000 – AnTech Ltd, a specialist engineering design and manufacturing company serving the international upstream oil and gas industries, today announced the introduction of the End-of-CT Detector system, a wellhead sensor that detects the end of coiled tubing inside a riser. The AnTech End-of-CT Detector is a wellhead sensor designed to assist oil service providers involved in running slimhole tools. The announcement of this new system comes as welcome news, primarily because of the improved safety it offers. The warning system helps to prevent broken tubing from accidentally being pulled through the stripper, which often results in serious disfigurement or fatalities.

Visual and Audible Warnings Alert CT Operator to Potential Hazard

The AnTech End-of-CT Detector works like this: a sensor is strapped around the riser from the well head. It then detects the passing end of the coiled tubing, and relays this information to the cabin giving both a visual and audible warning alarm to the operators. The sensor and the alarm are intrinsically safe, and the system is fully certified for use in Zone 1 hazardous areas.

Sensor Saves Lives

“When we set out to design a wellhead sensor that would offer a comprehensive warning system, we knew it not only had to relay an alarm immediately, it had to be integrated into the wellhead in an extremely non-invasive manner. With the End-of-CT Detector, we provide the complete solution: a completely non-invasive system comprised of a sensor that detects the end of the coiled tubing the instant there is a gap in contact and simultaneously communicates a warning visually and audibly via a control panel in the coiled tubing control cabin. This way, the CT operator can take immediate steps to resolve the situation,” said Toni Miszewski, Managing Director of AnTech Ltd. “Put simply, the End-of-CT Detector saves lives,” he added.

In addition to the obvious preventive measures that the End-of-CT Detector offers to oil services providers working with coiled tubing, the system is simple to operate and install.

With oilfield service provider Halliburton already utilising the AnTech End-of-CT Detector system to carry out coiled tubing services on behalf of major operators, AnTech is confident that the system will become the industry standard in end-of-coiled tubing detection.

About Antech Ltd

AnTech Ltd specialises in the design and manufacture of innovative products for the international upstream oil and gas industries. Founded in 1992 in Exeter, England, AnTech Ltd is known throughout the world for its range of award-winning coiled tubing tools, and related permanent completion products. AnTech Ltd managing director and founder Toni Miszewski holds 12 patents for related oil tools and technologies he developed over the years.

In addition to its pioneering work within the design and manufacture of completion products, AnTech Ltd offers StringView®, the cutting-edge well visualisation software package. This highly regarded software program integrates legacy data systems, making it possible to maintain consistent, professionally presented well diagrams.

As one of the leading design engineering companies in the UK, most major oil services companies have retained AnTech Ltd to develop coiled tubing, downhole and completion tools on their behalf. As a result, operators and service companies actively use AnTech's pioneering products and technology to maximise oil production performance in a safe, and cost-effective manner.

Note to editors: A photo of the AnTech End-of-CT Detector and an illustration of the system installed in the riser are available in electronic and print format. Please contact Sharon Roe below to request them.

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