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## **Subsea Engineering Competency Profile**



## INTERNAL CORROSION AND CONTROL ELECTIVE

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The competency demonstrates the subsea engineer has acquired and applied knowledge to critically review or perform (under supervision) the engineering and management of factors affecting internal erosion and corrosion and their control in a subsea hydrocarbon production system.

ELEMENT OF COMPETENCE	WHAT THIS COMPETENCE MEANS IN PRACTICE	INDICATORS OF ATTAINMENT  Refer to only as many Indicators of Attainment as you need to demonstrate the Element of Competence
Working knowledge of internal corrosion mechanisms applicable to carbon steel, stainless steels, corrosion resistant alloys and non-metallic materials including:  CO2 / H2S corrosion  Microbial corrosion  Galvanic corrosion  Cygen corrosion (MEG circulation)  Erosion and erosion-corrosion mechanisms  Ferrous contamination of stainless steels  Mercury corrosion  Pitting corrosion  Preferential weld corrosion  Working knowledge of internal cracking mechanisms, including:  Sulphide stress cracking  Hydrogen induced cracking  Stress corrosion cracking (chloride, amine)  Liquid metal embrittlement (mercury)	<ul> <li>identify items and areas at risk of these mechanisms</li> <li>describe the impacts of trace contaminants on such as H<sub>2</sub>S, organic acids, elemental sulphur, oxygen, wax, solids on corrosion rates</li> <li>perform a corrosion risk assessment for the mechanisms listed</li> <li>identify and understand the internal corrosion mechanisms in subsea equipment</li> </ul>	Has reviewed or contributed to corrosion risk assessments or management plans on several projects



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<ul> <li>Working knowledge of</li> <li>flow assurance and production processes and their impact on internal corrosion.</li> <li>process control, corrosion monitoring, inspection) necessary to manage CO<sub>2</sub> / H<sub>2</sub>S corrosion risks</li> <li>the likely range of upset conditions over the life of the asset</li> <li>Working knowledge of corrosion risks associated with non-production fluids including MEG, methanol, chemicals and other risks which may be introduced over the life cycle.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Can critically review a functional specification for:</li> <li>A high-level design (type, location, base equipment, capacity) for a corrosion inhibitor injection system</li> <li>An inhibitor or pH stabilisation chemical and understand the qualification and selection processes</li> <li>The design features (corrosion allowance, material selection), integrity limits and operating practices.</li> </ul>	Has critically reviewed corrosion management plans and functional specifications in several projects across several applicable materials and operating environments.
Working knowledge of internal corrosion control measures including:  • water removal and/or dew-pointing  • coatings, cladding, linings or non-metallic materials  • Control of operating temperature (cooling)  • Continuous / batch inhibitor dosing  • pH stabilisation	Can:  select and specify effective internal corrosion control measures on a greenfield project  review the appropriateness and performance of existing and alternate corrosion control measures on brownfield sites	
Working knowledge of monitoring and inspection methods including interpretation of results for:  inline inspection pigging external inspection methods corrosion monitoring spools / sand detectors erosion / corrosion probes or coupons permanently mounted wall thickness sensors	Select and specify appropriate corrosion monitoring facilities and monitoring programme for a project     Specify and supervise a qualification programme for subsea corrosion monitoring equipment	Has developed corrosion monitoring and inspection plans and functional specifications in several projects involving several monitoring and inspection methods.

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production fluid analysis	Review and understand chemical performance data, inspection data, and corrosion monitoring data and react accordingly.	
Working knowledge of internal corrosion management during:  • fabrication, storage and transportation  • installation  • flooding, hydrotesting or wet parking  • hook-up and pre-commissioning  • start-up and commissioning  Working knowledge of the risks of internal corrosion during start-up and commissioning including:  • Well clean-up fluids  • Completion fluids  • Unexpected early life corrosion	Can understand the technical basis for preservation specifications and procedures to ensure equipment does not suffer internal corrosion prior to start-up.  Can write or review post hook-up corrosion mitigation programmes to remove corrosion risks from seawater ingress (e.g. flushing, chemical treatment etc.)	Has developed corrosion mitigation plans and procedures across several projects.
Awareness of prominent industry corrosion models and commercial corrosion prediction software and their limitations on accuracy and sensitivity of results to source data.  Awareness of failure analysis and investigation procedures as a result of internal corrosion	Can commission the relevant expertise to determine the cause(s) of corrosion-related subsea equipment damage and failure from inspection reports, process data, mechanical design and operations data.	Has participated in failure analyses / investigations as a result of internal corrosion.

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