## On-Line Repair Solutions for Corrosion Under Insulation





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## **Corrosion Under Insulation – Root Causes and Effects**

#### Water Ingress

- Trapped during construction
- Leakage of weather-proofing
- Sprinkler Systems

#### **Exacerbating Factors**

- Contaminants in the insulation material
- Atmospheric pollutants
- Chemical Spillage

#### Temperature

- CUI most aggressive in the range of 15 150 C
- Cyclic wetting / drying accelerates corrosion





## **Corrosion Under Insulation – Effects**

#### **Carbon Steels**

- Accelerated Corrosion
- ➢ Pitting

#### **Stainless Steels**

- Crevice Corrosion
- Pitting corrosion
- SCC (high risk: chloride + T>60 C)





## **Corrosion Under Insulation – Problem Areas**



Water penetration into Insulation is the primary cause of CUI .....

If the water can be prevented from entering the Insulation – CUI can be negated.



### **Corrosion Under Insulation – Results**



CUI problems can be Repaired and Negated On Line using Specialized Solutions



## **CUI - Solution Criteria**

#### Prevent Moisture from getting to the Metallic Substrate

- 1. Insulation Effectively Sealed
- 2. Coating that has excellent Immersion and Temperature Resistance

#### **Coating Solution – Technical Properties**

- High Adhesion
- Low Permeability for Immersion Resistance
- Surface Preparation Tolerance
- Application to a range of substrate temperatures

#### **Commercial Considerations**

- Simple to apply
- On-Line application
- Quick curing
- Long life Expectancy
- Minimal surface preparation
- Cost effective





#### Belzona Can Provide On Line Solutions to Corrosion Under Insulation Problems on Hot Substrates Including :



**Bonding Doubler Plates** 



HA – Metal Paste Grade

**Filling of Pitting Corrosion** 

## HA – Barrier Coating Grade



**Vessel Protection** 



**Pipe Protection** 



## **Belzona® Heat Activated Products**

#### Single pack product

- No weighing or mixing
- Effectively unlimited usable life

#### Heat-activated cure when applied onto hot pipework

- No equipment shutdown necessary
- Minimum cure temperature 70°C (158°F)
- Optimum performance up to 150°C (302°F)
- Rapid 15 minute cure at  $\geq$ 100°C (212°F)

#### Surface tolerant

Excellent adhesion even on manually prepared surfaces

#### Safe to apply directly onto hot surface

No volatile components up to 150°C (302°F)



Adhesion on ambient temperature substrates

# Is best achieved through mechanical locking such as by grit blasting.

## Coating



## Substrate



# Achieved by penetration of micro-pores in metal which increase in size on heating





## **CUI Simulation Performance Testing**





## **CUI Simulation Testing**

- Partially rusty test sleeve manually abraded using P36 abrasive paper is placed over heater.
- > Test coating is applied onto the hot sleeve.
- End flange is bolted on and sealed.
- Mineral fiber insulation taped into place.
- Outer cladding/water funnel attached/sealed.













## **CUI Simulation Test Results**

#### > Two litres of water added each week

1 litre of water and 1 litre of 5% salt water solution

#### Results

No attack or corrosion at 70°C to 90°C Negligible attack/corrosion at 100°C to 150°C Very slight surface erosion in full immersion areas Belzona®5851 No attack or corrosion in full immersion Belzona®5841









## Salt spray testing

Generates a very corrosive fog of warm salt water Coated panels are exposed to the salt water fog, with a scribed "X" cut through the coating Tested in accordance with ASTM B117 Test not ideally representative of CUI but industry standard test for corrosion resistance

#### Salt Spray Results

Steel test panels prepared by abrading manually (no profile)

HA Coating applied onto hot panels and oven cured

Panels exposed for 1000 hours at 35°C (95°F) in saturated salt fog atmosphere

#### Results

No field blistering or corrosion Minimal corrosion creep under the scribe mark





#### Substrates:

#### **Unprepared Steel**

Unprepared, uncorroded steel direct from the manufacturers. Surface covered in firmly attached millscale.





Substrates:

**Unprepared Steel** 

#### **Ground Steel**

Unprepared steel ground using belt sander (with P36 abrasive). Clean metal surface exposed, but negligible profile.





Substrates:

**Unprepared Steel** 

**Ground Steel** 

#### **Rusty Steel**

Steel weathered externally for 3 months. Rusted to ISO 8501-1 grade C, i.e. significant rusting with some pitting. Loose surface rust brushed away, but no other preparation.





Substrates:

**Unprepared Steel** 

**Ground Steel** 

**Rusty Steel** 

#### Wire-Brushed Rusty Steel

Started with rusty steel panel (ISO 8501-1 grade C) Thoroughly abraded with wire brush to ISO 8501-1 St 2. Pitted surface covered in firmly attached rust.





Substrates:

**Unprepared Steel** 

**Ground Steel** 

**Rusty Steel** 

Wire-Brushed Rusty Steel

#### **Abraded Rusty Steel**

Started with rusty steel panel (ISO 8501-1 grade C) Initially abraded with wire brush, then further abraded by hand with P36 abrasive paper to ISO 8501-1 St 3 surface; a combination of firmly attached rust with some clean steel showing through.





## **Belzona® 5851 performance**





### **Cure Time**



- Cure time decreases with increasing cure temperature
- Rapid 15 minute cure at 100°C/212°F



## **Cathodic disbondment testing**

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### **On-Line Repair Solutions for Corrosion Under Insulation**

## Historical Case Studies in the Oil and Gas Industry

#### **Proof of Performance and Testing Relevance**



## **TOTAL Immingham Refinery UK**

- Condensate vessel operating at 85°C suffering severe CUI
- Surface preparation combination of hand wire brushing and power wire brushing to produce a tightly adherent rusted surface.
- Application carried out 16<sup>th</sup> March 2001
- Surface temperatures ranged between110°C at the top of the vessel and 50°C lower down
- Two coats of product applied from top of the vessel down to approximately 2 thirds of the vessel height
- Coating application was halted when the vessel skin temperature dropped to 70°C
- Application completed in 4 hrs & the total cure time was under 3 hrs allowing vessel to be re-insulated.





## First in service inspection of Belzona 5851 on vessel 8D91 carried out 27th February 2002.





## The condensate vessel had been lagged and had been in continual service for approx 12 months.





# Sections of the lagging at various points had been cut away to facilitate this first 12 month inspection.





# This area was performing extremely well with no defects in the coating.





## Second in service inspection of Belzona 5851 on vessel 8D91 carried out late 2008.





## **Shell Stanlow Refinery - UK**

- Existing coating system failed resulting in severe CUI on distillation columns and fractionator towers operating at temperatures between 50-120°C Shutdown for repairs was going to be very costly
- Manual preparation of the steel substrate using scrapers and wire brushes followed by two coats of Belzona<sup>®</sup> 5851, March 2006
- The vessel wall temperatures were above 70°C but the insulation support rings were between 55°C and 65°C.
- Wire brush to remove all loose & flaking paint the apply Belzona<sup>®</sup> 5841 to the areas up to 75°C
- This successful application has led to significant use of these systems at the Stanlow refinery.





## Ease of Application + Cost and Time effective

 Belzona<sup>®</sup>5841 and Belzona<sup>®</sup>5851 developed for on line application onto pipework and vessels operating at elevated temperatures reducing application time from several weeks to a couple of days

Hertel (Shell Stanlow incumbent Coating and Insulation Contractor) application trials

Ian Land, CUI / LIP Project Manager Shell Stanlow .....

"Everyone is both surprised and impressed with the ease of application and the results .....



.....Completed the top half of a column in 4 days against 6 weeks using existing alternate material".



#### **Corrosion Under Insulation – On-Line Solutions for Elevated Temperature CUI Problem Areas**

Two years into a six year programme of work, Shell were able to conduct direct comparison with TSA and with other organic coating technologies

#### Heat Activated System Advantages over TSA

- > No need to blast clean substrate.
- > No need to tent in area to retain blast media.
- Not creating confined spaces to manage emergency plans for.
- > Application of two coats onto hot surfaces easy.
- Avoiding equipment "hot work".
- Less risk of misses.
- Less risk of coating failure due to thin film or missed areas.
- Significant savings in time and money.





#### Heat Activated Composite Repair Solution – Shell Refinery New Zealand Year 2003







De-Asphalting Column in service with operating of 120 C Surface Preparation Carried out Using High Pressure Water Jetting Application of Heat Activated Coating System using rollers and brushes

Ongoing Inspection shows no deterioration of the coating after <u>12 years in Service.</u>



#### Heat Activated Composite Repair Solution – Exxon Refinery Singapore Year 2001







Fractionator Tower T102 in service operating at 120C

Surface preparation carried out using scrapers to remove loose rust to ST2 finish

Application of Heat Activated Coating System using rollers and brushes

Ongoing Inspection shows no deterioration of the coating after <u>14 years in Service.</u>



#### Heat Activated Composite Repair Solution – British Gas Offshore Platform Year 2005







Gas - Condensate Pipework operating at temperatures up to 115C

Surface preparation carried out using high pressure water jetting

Heat Activated Composite wrapping and coating carried out on-line

Ongoing Inspection shows no deterioration of the repairs and after <u>10 years in Service.</u>



#### **Corrosion Under Insulation – On-Line Solutions for Elevated Temperature CUI Problem Areas**

#### **Client Testimonials**

Emlyn Roberts Works Engineer Total Refinery, UK

Bertrand Van Der Hayden Fixed Equipment Reliability Inspector Caltex South Africa

Bob van den Beuken Maintenance Team Leader Mechanical Vector Kapuni , New Zealand "The most recent vessel inspection completed in late 2008 has confirmed that the original application, which was carried out in 2001, still remains in good condition to date and required no further action. We are very satisfied with the performance, durability and overall cost-effectiveness of the product.. We have since carried out a number of subsequent applications on site using this product with no problems encountered."

With our trial now having run to completion, we can confidently say that these products should perform in the long-term as they have been designed to do. We have no reservations in recommending these products for similar applications within the petrochemical industry. The attached photographs illustrate the surfaces prior to, during, and after application.

The absorber column at the Vector Kapuni Gas Treatment Plant in Taranaki required painting. It was not possible to take the column out of service long enough to complete the painting programme using normal painting specs. The column runs at approximately 100 degree C so the search began for a product that could be applied at this temperature while the plant remained online. Belzona 5851 was the pick of the products as it had already proven itself at Marsden Point. Belzona 5851 has now been in service for about 2 ½ years and as the pictures show remains in good condition. We have since applied the same product to our Regeneration tower which also runs at similar temperature with no problems encountered.





#### **On-Line Repair Solutions for Corrosion Under Insulation**

#### Heat Activated and CUI Repair and Protection Systems

- Can Be applied to Hot Surfaces
- ➤ Surface Temperatures of 10C 180C
- Minimal Surface Preparation (ST2)
- ➤ High Adhesion
- Resists Insulation Saturation / Immersion
- Simple to Use
- Long Service Period





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## **QUESTIONS ?**

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