

NANSULATE OVER PLATFORM AM6 – SIPETROL – MAGHELLAN

The application was done over an oil pipe that transfers petroleum from the vertical separators to the connection of the pumps that impulse the fluid to the AM3 platform, from where the petroleum is transferred to the continent.

It's a 6" diameter pipe, and 20 meters long, the total surface applied was around 10 sqm.

We split the pipeline on 3 sectors, on both ends we primed with Nanoprimer, and on the central section, of about 4 meters long, we applied Nansulate over the pipe without primer.

The operation temperature of pipeline is 60 C, measured with a laser instrument, the temperature of the transported fluid (petroleum), is 56 C, measured with an analogic thermometer that is part of the control system instruments.

The main purpose of the application was to assure not heat energy loss of the petroleum along the pipeline.

We identified 7 marked points where thickness and temperature are about to be taken.

The application was done by spray on many coats. The first and second coat were applied very thin, only at the third coat and the next others, the thickness of every coat was over the 4 mils (100 microns).

On the extreme of the heat source, we measured over the 550 microns of the dry film. Along this section, and getting away from the heat source, the film thickness reached the 450 microns (16 mils) as average.

The central section, where primer was not applied, the average dry thickness of the film reached 300 to 350 microns (12 to 14 mils).

The last section, just before the pumping to the other platform, the average thickness reached the 400 microns (16 mils).

Over the marks where the temperature are to be taken, the dry film thickness is much important that the average over the pipeline, the overthickness is 200 microns at these points.

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PICTURES OF THE APLICATION OF NANSULATE TRANSLUCENT PT



View of the final section before the work



Final section applying primer



Last trace of the pipeline before pumping.



Transition of the final section to the middle one with the work done



First section. Work done



First section during work.



Final aspect without primer. Middle section



Horizontal trace of first section at the beginning of work.



First section at last coat. See environment.



**Aerial view of Platform AM6 of Sipetrol at
MAGHELLAN ANOMALY**

FECHA	TEMPERATURA PUNTOS TESTIGO							OBSERVACIONES
MEDICION	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
31 Mayo 05	60.2C	60.6C	59.9C	59.2C	59.1C	60.8C	60.8C	Medicion Previa al comienzo de los trabajos
01 Junio 05	44.0C (140F)	41.3C (141F)	42.1C (140F)	37.8C (139F)	38.9C (138F)	46.4C (140F)	43.1C (140F)	Medicion hecha al finalizar los trabajos.



NOTE: Temperatures were tested before cure time was complete