

**ULTRASONIC CLEANING  
@  
TURN AROUNDS**

**- ADDRESSING THE WATER CHALLENGE -**

***CASE STUDY MLO TA 2013***

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# MISSION STATEMENT

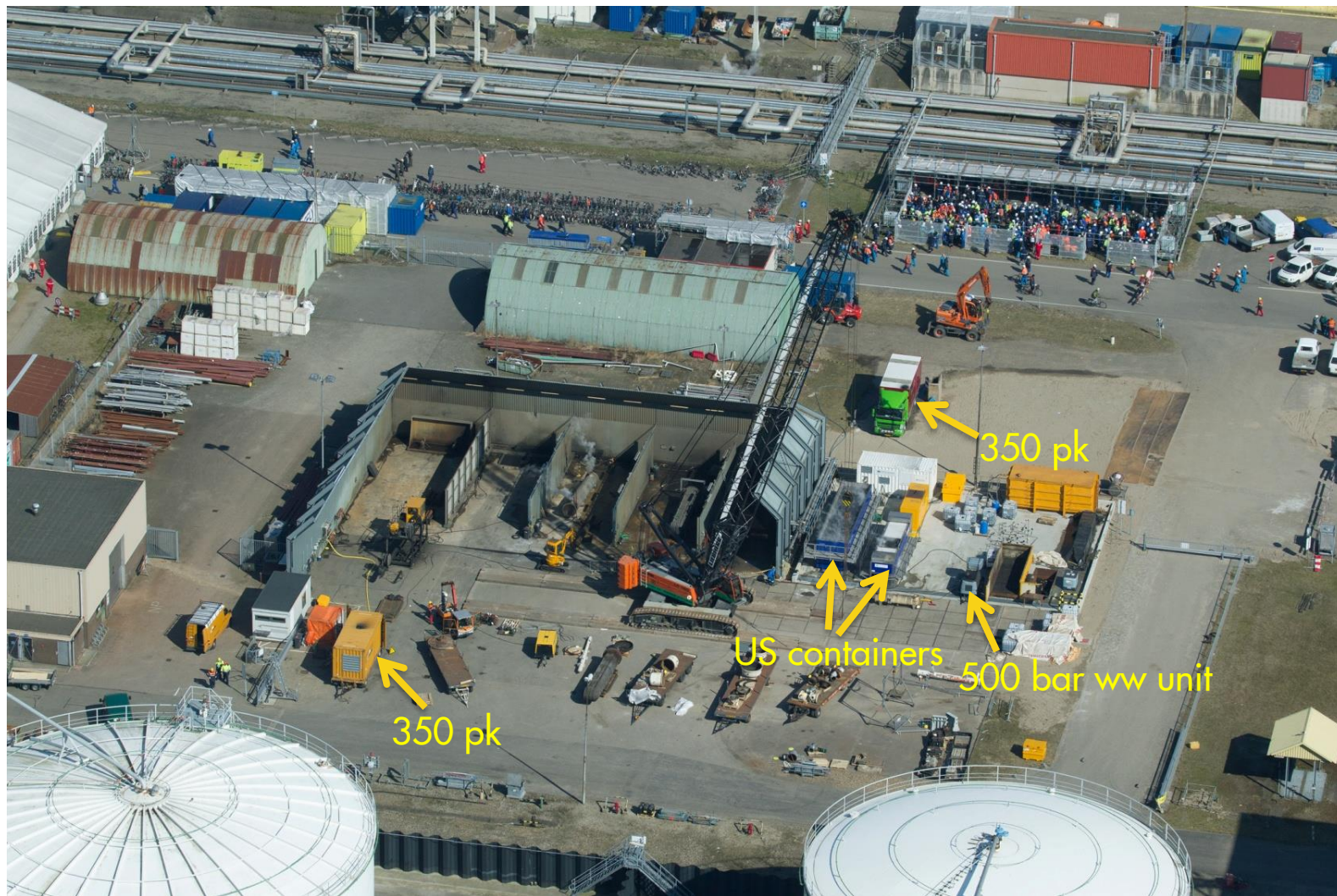
Water poses one of the greatest sustainability challenges of the 21st Century. Water scarcity and pollution, among many other issues, threaten our ability to grow strong and stable economies, meet basic human needs, and protect healthy ecosystems (and the services they provide), while also posing severe human health problems. Business organizations are greatly affected by – and also often contribute to – these important issues. Because of this, we are increasingly seeking more information and trying to understand how to address these challenges.

Launched in July 2007 by the UN Secretary-General, the CEO Water Mandate is a unique public-private initiative designed to assist companies in the development, implementation, and disclosure of water sustainability policies and practices.

Royal Dutch Shell plc (The Netherlands) is one of the endorsing companies.

Applying ultrasonic cleaning is a way to contribute to the goal of lowering the water footprint of our production process.

# LAYOUT OF THE WASH PAD



# WATER FOOTPRINT COMPARISON MLO TA 2013

**US Cleaned:** 51 bundles, 700 accessories, working 2 \* 10 hrs/day for 16 days

## Ultrasonic & Hydroblasting

2\* 350 pk (*bhp*) pump, 1000 bar (14500 psi) at 130 ltr/min = 15,6 m<sup>3</sup>/hr

1\* 500 bar (7250 psi) warm water unit at 25 ltr/min = 1,5 m<sup>3</sup>/hr

Actual average usage: **60 m<sup>3</sup>/day**

## Only Hydroblasting

2\* 600 pk (*bhp*) pump, 1000 bar (14500 psi) at 225 ltr/min = 27 m<sup>3</sup>/hr

2\* 350 pk (*bhp*) pump, 1000 bar (14500 psi) at 130 ltr/min = 15,6 m<sup>3</sup>/hr

1\* 500 bar (7250 psi) warm water unit at 25 ltr/min = 1,5 m<sup>3</sup>/hr

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Working 50% of the hours = 10 hrs/day gives **441 m<sup>3</sup>/day**

**Result: reduction of 86%; saving a total of 6100 m<sup>3</sup> of fresh water during TA**

# COSTS / SAVINGS

Costs saving fresh water	$6.100 \text{ m}^3 \times € 1,30 = € 7.930,-$
Costs saving waste water	$6.100 \text{ m}^3 \times € 100,- = € 610.000,-$
Costs saving diesel oil	$1.200 \text{ HP} \times 0,2 \times 15 \text{ hrs} \times 16 \text{ days} = € 57.600,-$
Energy Ultrasonic for 9 m and 6 m	$300 \text{ HP} \times 0,2 \times 15 \text{ hrs} \times 16 \text{ days} = € 14.400,-$
Total savings diesel oil	$€ 57.600,- - € 14.400,- = € 43.200,-$
Chemical costs	$€ 100,- \times 15 \times 16 = € 24.000,-$
Cleaning costs chemicals after shutdown	$€ 10.000,-$

# INVESTMENT

## Investment high pressure

2 x 600 HP with truck bundle blaster = approx. € 800.000,-

2 x Bundle cleaner with robot tube cleaner = approx. € 800.000,-

Total investment = € 1.600.000,-

## Investment ultrasonic system

9 m vessel € 1.400.000,-

6 m vessel € 650.000,-

Total investment = € 2.050.000,-

Difference in investment = approx. 22 % less for high pressure

# OPERATING COSTS

## Man power

High pressure pump operators for two pumps = 4 operators

Ultrasonic operators for two vessels = 2 operators

## Labour savings

2 operators x 20 working hours x € 30,- a/h x 16 days = € 19.200,-

# RESOURCES

The CEO Water Mandate, jan. 2011

[http://ceowatermandate.org/files/Ceo\\_water\\_mandate.pdf](http://ceowatermandate.org/files/Ceo_water_mandate.pdf)

VEMW Duurzaam industrieel watergebruik

[www.vemw.nl](http://www.vemw.nl)

Reports and photo's of the cleaned equipment

<https://sww-knowledge.shell.com/knowhow/livelihood.exe?func=ll&objId=160530977&objAction=browse&sort=name>



