

## Frank's leverages engineering expertise, global network to make first regional titanium OCTG a success

In June 2019, a major customer in the Asia Pacific region approached Frank's International with a complex challenge. The customer sought a service partner to run a string of 9 5/8" titanium alloy casing, which would represent a regional first use of that material in a casing running application. Due to the unique characteristics of the titanium alloy casing, traditional handling equipment could not be used.

Through a coordinated effort between operational teams in multiple regions across the globe and with Frank's engineering team in the U.S., Frank's was able to design, develop, manufacture and deploy an engineered solution in a very short time period to satisfy the requirements of the customer and the job. Using a specially modified collar to collar system, combined with Frank's non-marking FLUID GRIP® technology, Frank's successfully installed the string of titanium alloy casing.

Frank Chang, Country Manager for Frank's International, remarked, "Special thanks to the Frank's team in Baku for their timely support and for sending their experienced crew to assist with this novel procedure for making up and handling titanium alloy. I also appreciate their hands-on training for the Chinese crews on the non-marking FLUID GRIP® system. Effective collaboration made this offshore job a success."

Roberto Beneventi, Frank's International's Vice President for Middle East and Asia Pacific, commented, "This job represents the Asia Pacific region's first titanium alloy casing run and it would not have been possible without our effective international network, highly recognized non-marking technology, world-class tools and global teamwork that demonstrates our One Frank's spirit. We should all take pride in this achievement."

