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OIL COMPANIES TURN TO MELBOURNE COMPANY FOR HIGH-TECH PIPE PLUGS FOR SUBSEA PIPELINES



COB Industries, Inc. recently delivered a new series of custom engineered pipe plugs for offshore subsea pipelines to both BP Pipelines and Shell Pipelines. These plugs are designed to be ROV-operable, meaning they must be built so that underwater Remote Operated Vehicles (“ROV’s”) can handle, install and manipulate them. The plugs incorporate mechanically actuated seals and one version also has a “guide cone” on the front of the plug to help guide the plug into the pipe while being controlled by the ROV arm. In this application, the plugs are being used to seal up abandoned pipelines on the sea floor. COB was first contracted by BP to build ROV operable plugs in 2007 and has expanded this business steadily over the last few years with repeated orders from offshore oil platforms. This latest series of ROV plugs represent the first orders from the pipeline divisions of the oil companies.

COB Industries, a family-run private company based in Melbourne, Florida, has been in business for 40 years, manufacturing and supplying specialty industrial equipment including pipe plugs, pipe freezing systems, specialized welding products and pneumatic tools.

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