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# Successful Implementation of PMCD in Drilling The Longest Horizontal Section in Granite Basement In Vietnam

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# Well Summary

#### **Location:** CuuLong Basin Offshore Vietnam

**Production Focus:** Crude Oil Extraction from Basement Reserves

#### **Horizontal Production Section Features:**

- Enables Drilling of Longest 8 ½" Horizontal Section in Fractured Granite Basement
- Encounters 3 Major Fault Targets

#### Technological Achievement: Pressurized Mud Cap Drilling (PMCD) Application

• Total Length: 2146m (PMCD) within a 3542m Interval in Basement





## **Drilling Plan Overview**

- Target Zone: Basement targets defined into three intervals name Target#1, Target#2 and Target#3.
- Inclination: 88°C
- Drilling Fluid: Brine Mud System 9.7-9.8ppg
- Contingency Plan: Mud Cap Drilling with seawater (no PMCD)

			Prognosed	
Formation/Sequence		(mMD)	(mTVDSS)	
Dong Nai BIII			708	657
Con Son BII			1,207	1,140
Bach Ho Bl			1,956	1,864
Intra Lower Bach Ho 5.1		2,316	2,209	
Intra Lower Bach Ho 5.2		2,419	2,308	
Upper Tra Tan C			2,589	2,468
Middle Tra Tan D		2,838	2,703	
Low Velocity Shale (weak zone)		3126	2975	
Pre-Tertiary Basement (Weathered)		3,218	3,062	
Pre-Tertiary Basement (Fresh)		3,240	3,083	
_	Targets			
	Target#1 Target#2 Target#3	Top	4,332	3,451
-		Base	5,056	3,474
Primary		Тор	5,416	3,486
Basement		Base	5,956	3,504
		Тор	6,496	3,522
-		Base	6,736	3,530
Secondary Oligocene D Sands	Sand#1	Top	2,884	2,746
	Sand#2	Top	2,917	2,778
	Sand#3	Тор	2,935	2,795
	Sand#4	Top	3.022	2,876

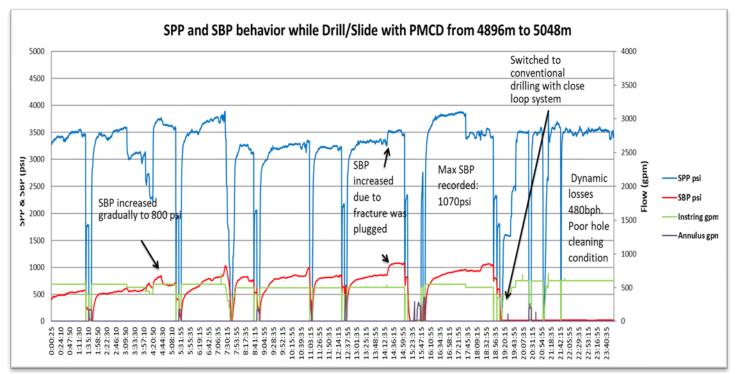




## **Drilling Challenges with Mud Cap Drilling and Conventional**

#### Mud Cap Drilling with SW LAM:

- High Casing Pressure
- Difficult to control drilling parameter



Parameter	Conventional Drilling with massive loss
Off Bottom Torque (Kips)	27-30
On Bottom Torque (Kips)	35-42
Pick up weight (Klbs)	523
Slack off weight (Klbs)	255
Rotating weight (Klbs)	-
Loss rate (bbl/hr)	530
Max circulating gas	8.09%

#### Conventional drilling with massive loss:

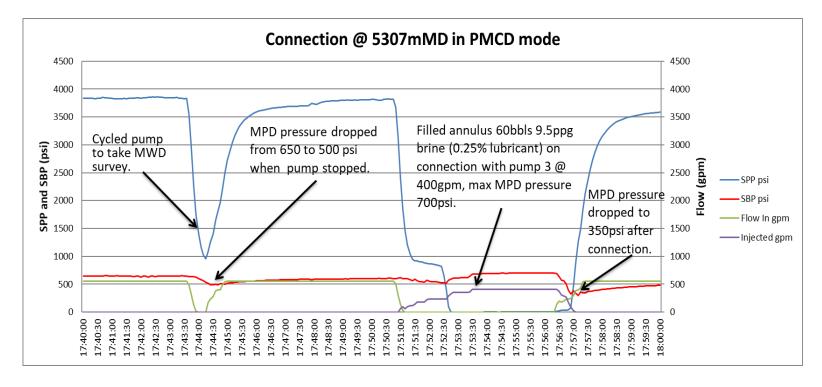
- Very poor hole cleaning in horizontal section
- High drilling/ connection gas
- Extremely high torque and drag
- High Chemical consumption

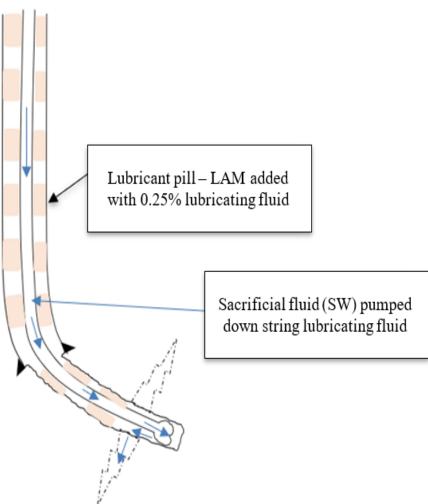




# **Drilling with PMCD Utilizing High Mud Weight LAM**

- Utilizing 9.2-9.9 ppg brine for LAM instead of SW.
- 0.25% Lubricant Fluid (Radiagreen) added into LAM for reducing torque-drag.
- The LAM pill with Lubricant was intermitted injecting into the annulus every connection.



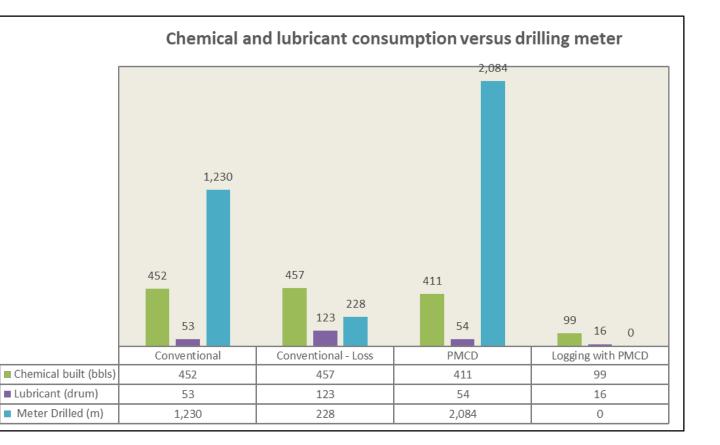






## **Drilling Performance Comparison**

Parameter	Conventional Drilling with massive loss	PMCD
Off Bottom Torque (Kips)	27-30	20-21
On Bottom Torque (Kips)	35-42	24-25
Pick up weight (Klbs)	523	480
Slack off weight (Klbs)	255	368
Rotating weight (Klbs)	-	406
Loss rate (bbl/hr)	530	-
Max circulating gas	8.09%	0



Drilling parameter comparison

Chemical consumption comparison

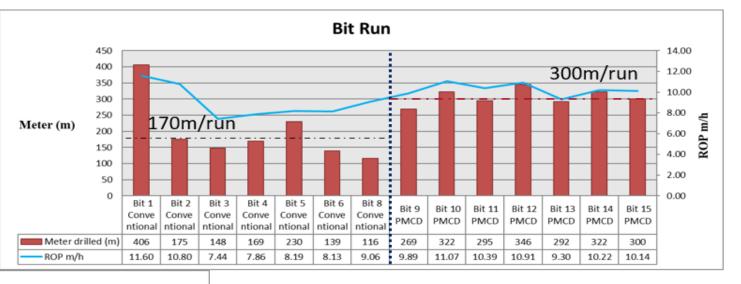


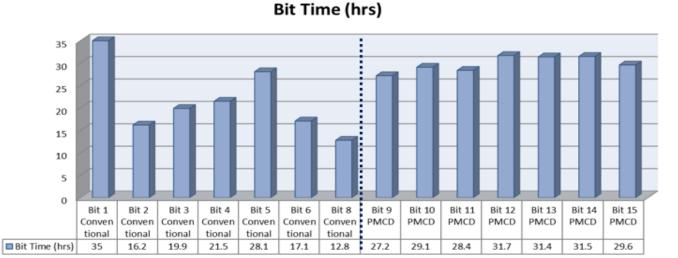


## **Bit Run Performance Comparison**

#### **Conventional drilling:**

- > Total Run: 8 run
- > Total interval: 1383m
- Average bit run: 173m
- Average bit time: 18.8 hour





### PMCD drilling:

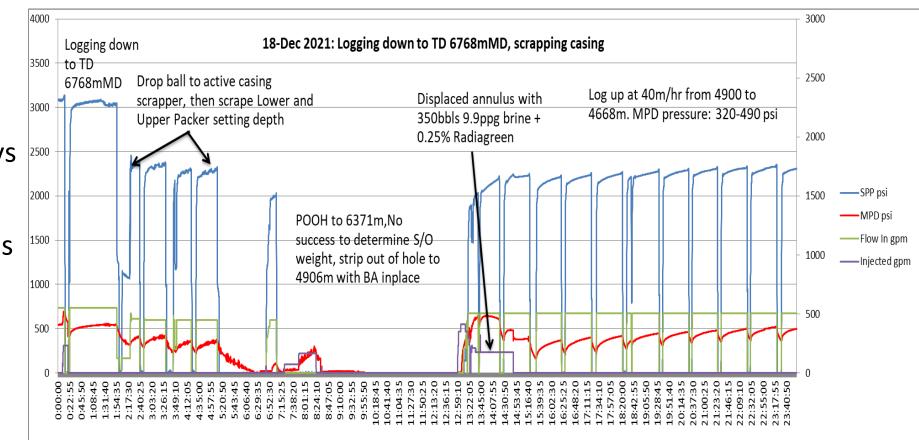
- Total Run: 7 run
- Total interval: 2146m
- Average bit run: 306m
- Average bit time: 29.8 hour





# Pressurize Mud Cap Logging (PMCL) Performance

- Logging type: Logging with drill pipe
- Logging interval: 4268m
- Operation time: 7 days
- Number of BA run: 1
- Chemical built: 99 bbls
- Lubricant Fluid consumption: 16 drums
- 9-5/8" casing scraper run included







# What We Learned From The Success

- Drilling with seawater pumped from the well top into the annulus a common technique in the Cuulong basin will cause unfavorable drilling conditions in an extended horizontal section.
- PMCD is an effective method to cope with the massive loss in the granite basement.
- PMCD provides means to place lubricant pills efficiently in the annulus.
- The technique saved remarkably drilling fluid and chemical consumption.





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