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PART I INTRODUCTION

1.1 SCOPE

This MESC SPE specifies requirements for alloy steel pipe.

This MESC SPE shall apply in addition to the applicable MESC Buying Description, purchase order or requisition sheet.

This MESC SPE only applies to alloy steel pipe to ASTM A 335, P5 (5Cr-0.5Mo), P9 (9Cr-1Mo), P11 (1.25Cr-0.5Mo) and P22 (2.25Cr-1Mo).

This MESC SPE is written as amendments and supplements to ASTM A 335:2011, which are covered in Part II of this MESC SPE. The clause numbering of ASTM A 335:2011 has been retained and any amendments are identified as 'Add', 'Modify to read' or 'Delete'. Any clauses of ASTM A 335:2011 that are not amended or supplemented by this MESC SPE shall apply as written.

1.2 DISTRIBUTION, INTENDED USE AND REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

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This MESC SPE is intended for use in oil refineries, chemical plants, gas plants, exploration and production facilities and, where applicable, supply/distribution installations.

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The **Contractor** is the party that carries out all or part of the design, engineering, procurement, construction, commissioning or management of a project, or operation or maintenance of a facility. The Principal may undertake all or part of the duties of the Contractor.

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The **Principal** is the party that initiates the project and ultimately pays for its design and construction. The Principal will generally specify the technical requirements. The Principal may also include an agent or consultant authorised to act for, and on behalf of, the Principal.

The word **shall** indicates a requirement.

The word **should** indicates a recommendation.

1.4 CHANGES SINCE PREVIOUS EDITION

The previous version of the MESC SPE was dated **May 2010. Following is the summary of changes:**

- **ASTM A335 version has been updated;**
- **Chemical composition requirement has been updated;**
- **Added mandatory hydrotest requirement for pipes of all sizes and thickness;**

- **Incorporated new section on “Length” for pipes;**
- **Email address of MESC SPE administrator has been updated.**

1.5 COMMENTS ON THIS MESC SPE

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PART II AMENDMENTS/SUPPLEMENTS TO ASTM A 335:11

5.4 *Add* Circumferential welded joints are not permitted.

5.3.1 *Modify to read:*

Pipe shall conform to either of the following two options:

1. The pipe shall be supplied in the normalised and tempered condition. The tempering temperature shall be 740 °C ± 8 °C (1365 °F ± 13 °F). The tensile properties shall be in accordance with Class 1 of ASTM A 387.
2. The pipe shall be supplied in the normalised and tempered condition. The minimum tempering temperature shall be 720 °C (1330 °F). After all processing, one sample from each heat shall undergo three simulated PWHT cycles at 730 °C ± 8 °C (1345 °F ± 14 °F) with a holding time in accordance with ASME B31.3 Table 331.1.1 for each cycle. Tensile tests according to ASTM A 335 shall be performed after each cycle. If the results of all the tests comply with ASTM A 335, all pipes from that heat shall be considered acceptable.

6.1 *Add:*

Unless specified otherwise, the restrictions in the chemical composition of pipe furnished to Grade P11 shall be one of the following three options:

1. The material shall meet the following additional chemical requirements by heat analysis:

Element	C	P	S	Cu	Ni	X-bar
Max allowed	0.15 %	0.012 wt%	0.007 wt%	0.20 %	0.30%	14

X-bar shall be calculated with the following formula:

$$X - \text{bar} = \frac{10P + 5Sb + 4Sn + As}{100}$$

in which the values of P, Sb, Sn and As are in ppm.

2. The carbon content shall not exceed 0.15 % and neither the phosphorous nor the sulphur content shall exceed 0.010 %.
3. The carbon content shall not exceed 0.14 %, the phosphorous content shall not exceed 0.012 % and the sulphur content shall not exceed 0.010 %.

For pipe furnished to Grade P22, the following restrictions shall apply:

- The phosphorous content shall not exceed 0.010 %.
- The sulphur content shall not exceed 0.010 %.

12.1.1 *Modify*

All pipes shall be subjected to hydrotest.

15.1 *Add:*

Unless specified otherwise, inspection and test certificates shall be supplied to the Principal.

16.1 *Add:*

Marking shall also include the nominal pipe size and the specified wall thickness in mm (if applicable).

Marking shall also include the charge number (heat number) and, where applicable, the heat treatment batch number.

16.2 *Add* If die stamping is used, the stamps shall be low-stress stamps.

19 *Add* Length

Unless specified otherwise in the purchase order, the Unit of Length (Uol) for pipe is in meter or feet. The form of delivery shall be in single random length (SRL or double random length (DRL). The specified quantities of random lengths on the purchase order shall be converted to aggregate length on the basis of 6.1 m (20 ft) for single random length and 12.2 m (40 ft) for double random length.

To satisfy the purchase order required pipe length, the delivered quantities of random lengths shall amount to at least the calculated aggregate length.

PART III REFERENCES

In this MESC SPE, reference is made to the following publications:

NOTES:

1. Unless specifically designated by date, the latest edition of each publication shall be used, together with any amendments/supplements/revisions thereto.
2. Most of the referenced external standards are available to Shell staff on the SWW (Shell Wide Web) at <http://www.shell.com/standards>.

AMERICAN STANDARDS

Recommended Practice for Materials and Fabrication of
1¼Cr-½Mo Steel Pressure Vessels for Service above
825°F (441°C) [under development] API RP 934 E

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American Petroleum Institute
1220 L Street NW
Washington, DC 20005
USA

Process Piping ASME B31.3

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ASME International
Three Park Avenue, M/S 10E
New York, NY 10016, USA

Standard Specification for Seamless Ferritic Alloy-Steel
Pipe for High-Temperature Service ASTM A 335:11

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