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GREENE'S ENERGY GROUP INTRODUCES HYDROMAESTRO PIPE PRESSURE TESTING SYSTEM

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HOUSTON (June 9, 2010) – [Greene's Energy Group](#), a leading provider of integrated services for drilling, production, pipeline, construction and process operations, has unveiled its new HydroMaestro system for open-ended pipe pressure testing, announced President Eric Langlinais.

The HydroMaestro is made up of two units designed for superior and efficient pipe pressure testing with an emphasis on safety.

This unique testing system features STATS Group external plugs known as E-PEPs that are hydraulically activated and can be equipped with non-scarring slips. Previous existing testing systems typically use internal plugs with manually torqued slips and internal seals, which can damage the pipe and lead to failures.

The HydroMaestro uses a unique mathematical algorithm to prevent air inclusion, the top safety concern in pressure testing, by electronically determining whether the air inclusion is at an acceptable level. If any abnormalities are detected during the test, the system is instantly depressurized. It also features video surveillance to monitor leaks during a test and motion detection to help prevent people from entering the testing zone unnoticed.

This method of testing is highly efficient and cost-effective due to the speed and simplicity of the operation, including:

- Plugs are installed and removed in only minutes.
- Pipe schedules are accommodated through a simple and quick seal change.

- A crew of only four people can test up to three sections of pipe simultaneously.
- The electronic, automated mode of operation and control virtually eliminate human error.
- The testing units are extremely mobile and completely self contained.
- HydroMaestro operators are highly trained and experienced.

“The HydroMaestro is designed to maximize safety and eliminate human error, which makes it one of the safest and most efficient ways to do open-ended pipe pressure testing,” said Lubbert Westra, Director of Quality and Engineering.

Greene's Energy Group serves customers globally in [drilling](#), [production](#), [pipeline](#), [rig/platform construction](#) and process industries by offering tools and services to improve productivity and ensure safety, both onshore and offshore. Greene's employs 600 people worldwide with its group headquarters in Houston and operations headquarters in Lafayette, La.

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