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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 SCOPE

This DEP defines the minimum requirements for the application of thermal insulating coatings on subsea structures using Syntactic Foam materials. Aspects of the thermal insulating coating that are covered in this DEP include:

- material selection;
- preparation of surfaces;
- application of thermal insulation coatings, and
- inspection and coating repair.

This is a revision of the DEP of the same number dated September 2011; see (1.5) regarding the changes.

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1.3.1 General definitions

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The **Manufacturer/Supplier** is the party that manufactures or supplies equipment and services to perform the duties specified by the Contractor.

The **Principal** is the party that initiates the project and ultimately pays for it. 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.

The word **may** indicates a permitted option.

1.3.2 Specific definitions

Term	Definition
Ambient	Environmental conditions in the immediate area of coating application work and upon surfaces being coated.
Applicator	Company doing the coating/ insulation application.
Batch	Quantity of surface preparation and coating/ insulation materials manufactured at one (1) time and identified by a unique batch number.
Coating	Both insulation and corrosion protection coatings.
Coating System	Refers to the combination of the insulation and corrosion protection coatings.
Feathered	A smooth transition between coatings and adjacent uncoated surfaces or between layers of coating where multiple layers are exposed.
Holiday	Discontinuity in a coating that exposes unprotected surface to the environment (NACE definition).
Service Category	Specific coating requirements for a material, environment or location.
Specification	Specifications, including project specific data sheets.
Stripe Coat	Supplemental coat applied after the primer to ensure adequate protection of critical areas like edges, welds, etc.

1.3.3 Abbreviations

Term	Definition
FBE	Fusion Bonded Epoxy
ITP	Inspection and Test Plan
MP	Manufacturing Plan
NIST	Nominal Insulation System Thickness
QA	Quality Assurance
QC	Quality Control
SCP	Standard Coating Procedure

1.4 CROSS-REFERENCES

Where cross-references to other parts of this DEP are made, the referenced section number is shown in brackets (). Other documents referenced by this DEP are listed in (12).

1.5 SUMMARY OF MAIN CHANGES

This DEP is a revision of the DEP of the same number dated September 2011. The changes followed a requirements quality review and were not a full technical update. The following are the main, non-editorial changes.

Section/Clause	Change
All	Restructured and clarified requirements, enforced use of shall / should / may for normative statements.

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AFC Drawings - Latest Revision

Project Specifications (including project specific data sheets)

Referenced Standards and Specifications

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