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Foreword

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This first edition cancels and replaces ISO/TS 12747:2011, which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

— assessment requirements for lifetime extension considering a change of pipeline fluid, beyond that which can occur naturally as fluid sources or compositions change, have been incorporated;

— additional references to codes and standards detailing assessment approaches suitable for the assessment of threats identified as part of a lifetime extension assessment have been added, and the existing references updated as appropriate;

— guidance on the following has been provided:

  — assessment approaches for common pipeline features that may limit remnant life;

  — additional considerations for maintaining the integrity of risers within caissons and j-tubes;

  — appropriate inspection, testing, monitoring and sampling techniques that can be used to mitigate risks during any period of extended operation;

  — factors affecting the future operability of the system that should be addressed as part of lifetime extension in addition to the structural integrity of the pipeline system;

  — lifetime extension considerations for unbonded flexible pipe.

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Introduction

The purpose of this document is to detail a suitable approach to pipeline life extension assessment that can be applied by operators (or parties acting on their behalf) across the industry. It is concerned with the proof of structural integrity of the pipeline system for the justification of extended operation. Integrity management is not covered in detail. However, the interface between a pipeline integrity management system (PIMS) and the life extension process is considered because:

— a PIMS, where present, forms an integral part of the integrity assessment of the pipeline system;

— a PIMS of some form is required for operation in extended life.

Factors affecting the future operability of the system but not the structural integrity, such as deterioration of topsides equipment or the loss of a control umbilical, are flagged as requiring assessment but are not addressed in full in this document.

NOTE Further guidance on the lifetime extension of subsea systems, including umbilicals and topsides equipment, is provided in NORSOK U-009.

Whilst this document is aimed primarily at the pipeline operators, it can also be of interest to other stakeholders such as:

— regulators approving the life extension application;

— members of the public affected by the life extension application, such as other users of maritime waters, landowners and developers.

Considering this, an overview of the life extension process and the key principles involved is given in Clause 5. The remainder of the document is intended to detail requirements of the process and to provide guidance to those performing the life extension assessments. All guidance presented is intended for use in conjunction with sound engineering practice and judgment.

This document is not intended for use as a design standard.