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Introduction of drag reducing agent and leak detection system

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Abstract: The BTC crude oil pipeline runs 1,768 km from the Sangachal Terminal near Baku in Azerbaijan, via Tbilisi in Georgia, through to the Ceyhan Marine Terminal on Turkish Mediterranean coast. The pipeline has started its operation on June 2006 and exported around 220 million barrels as of the end of September 2007.

This presentation introduces the outline of drag reducing agent (DRA) which is currently evaluated for the purpose of increasing the pipeline capacity, and the sophisticated leak detection system (LDS) installed in the system.

Key words: BTC Pipeline, DRA, drag reducing agent, drag reduction, leak detection

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