

**SPE-170831**  
**Going Long - Overcoming Challenges in  
Completing 3600 m Laterals**

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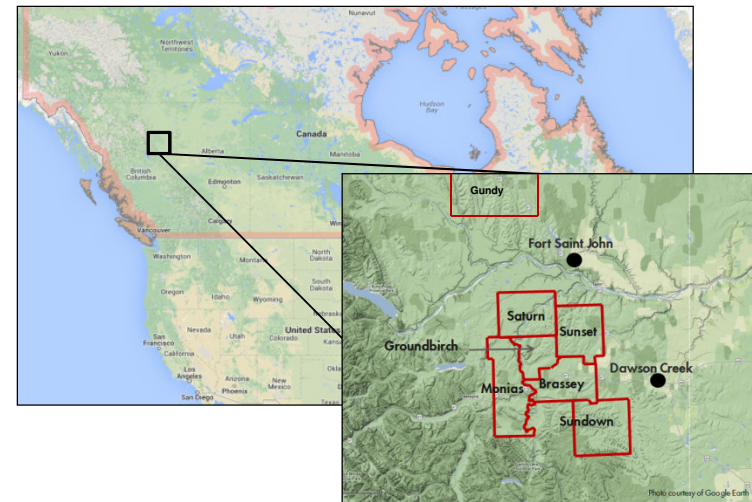
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## PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- Overview of the Asset
- The Benefit of Longer Wells
- Introduce the Challenge
- Completion Objectives
- Equipment Design (Coiled Tubing / BHA Design)
- Operational Summary
- Conclusions and Recommendations

## GRONDBIRCH ASSET OVERVIEW

- Location: Northeast BC, Canada
- Montney Formation (shaly siltstone)
- Horizontal Wells
  - 2,100 to 2,600 m TVD
  - 4,500 to 6,300 m MD
  - 114.3 mm or 139.7 mm casing
- Unconventional Gas Play (thousands of wells planned)
- All planned completions activities must be highly reliable and repeatable!

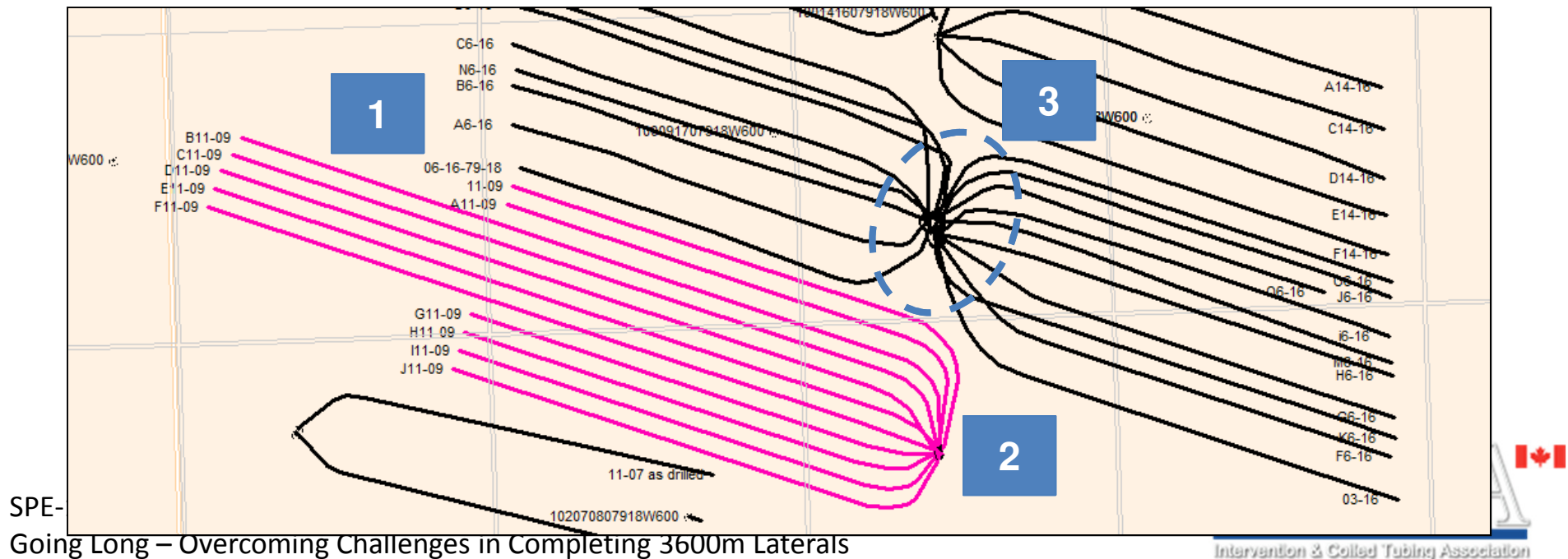


## THE BENEFIT TO LONGER WELLS

### Dominance of Longer Wells in Unconventionals

- 1) Access more reserves with one wellbore [improved economics]
- 2) Reduced environmental footprint [HSE]
- 3) Reduced dead space in development

### Groundbirch Conducted 5 Well Trial to Prove Technical Do-Ability



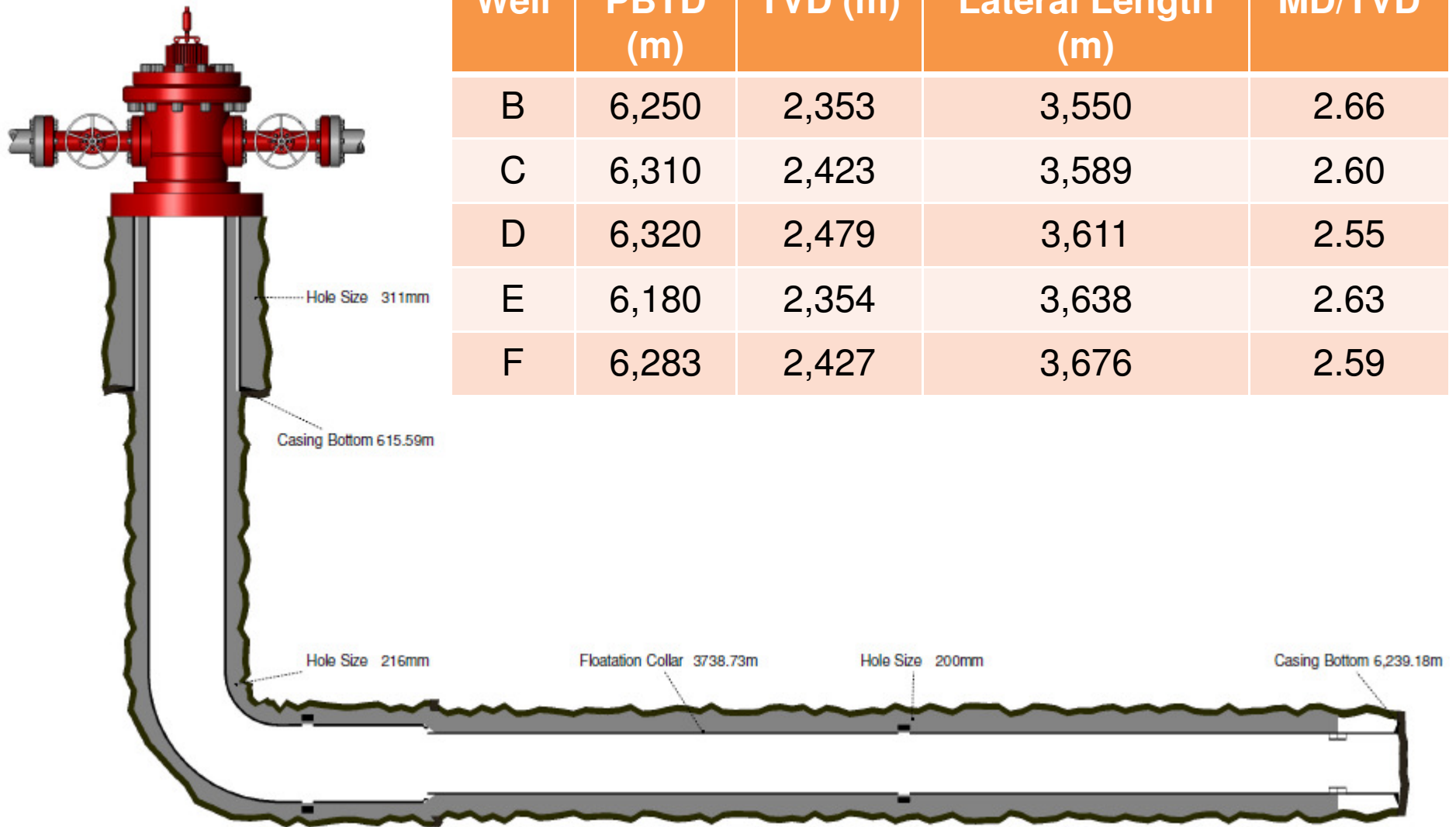
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## THE CHALLENGE – “GOING LONG”

- Increase lateral length 60% to 3600 m
- Key Design Considerations:
  - Drilling (SPE-170888-MS) – 177.8mm x 139.7mm ← **Modified design**
  - Effective stimulation of complete lateral ← **Plug & Perf**
  - Effective cleanout of wellbore post-stimulation ← **Limiting factor**

Address the limitations:

Completion  
Objectives

Design  
Optimization

Execution

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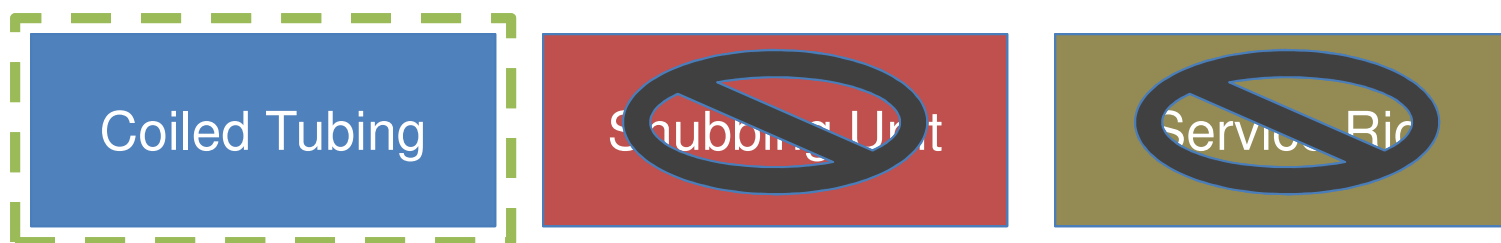
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## SERVICE EQUIPMENT OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- Specific Requirements:
  1. **Depth:** Achieve 6250 m w/ 250 daN to mill out deepest plug.
  2. **Annular Velocity:** >40 m/min in vertical 177.8 mm Casing
  3. **Cost:** Avoid increasing completion cost / meter of well in development scenario
- Options considered:



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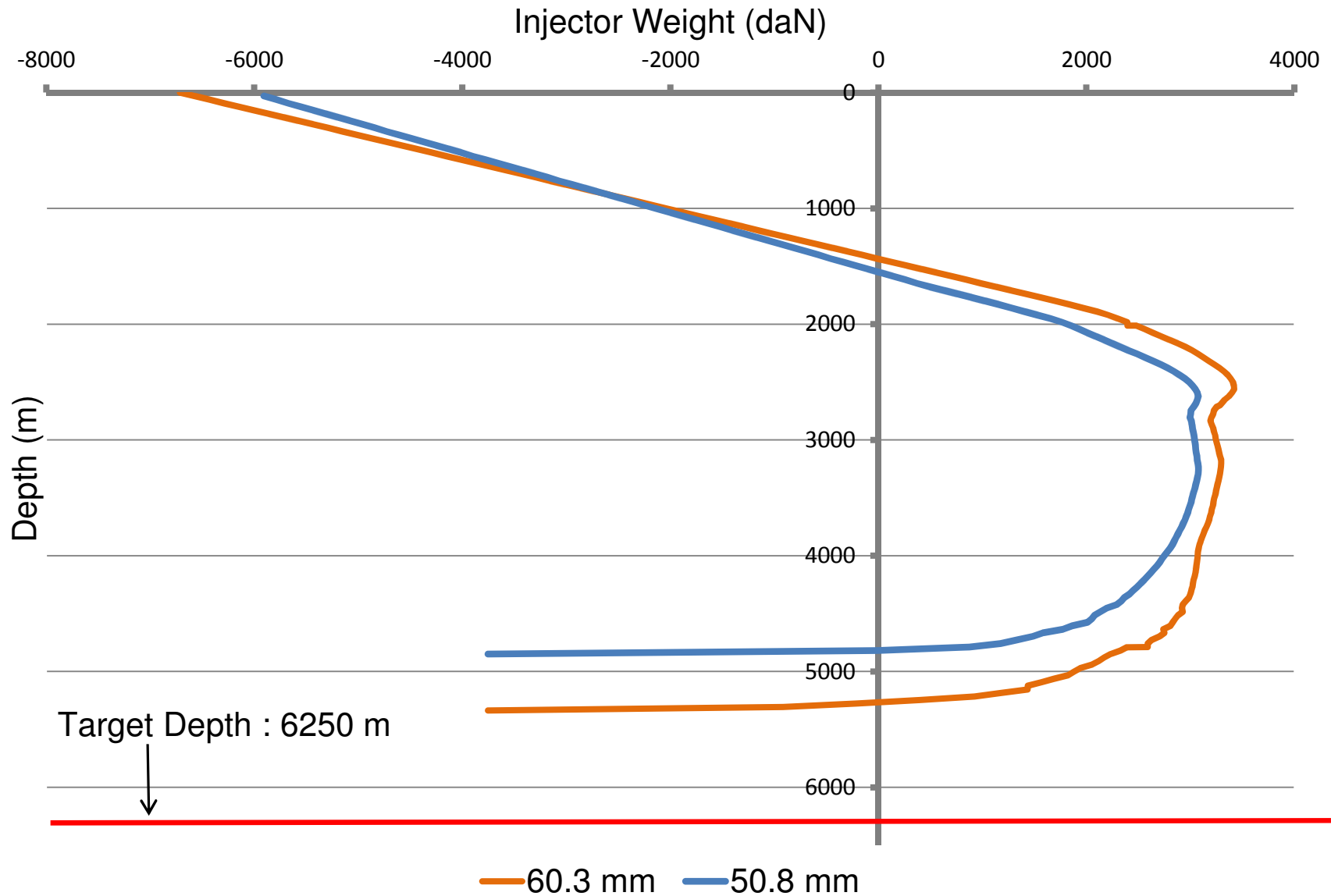
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# Force Limitation Utilizing 50.8 mm / 60.3 mm Coiled Tubing



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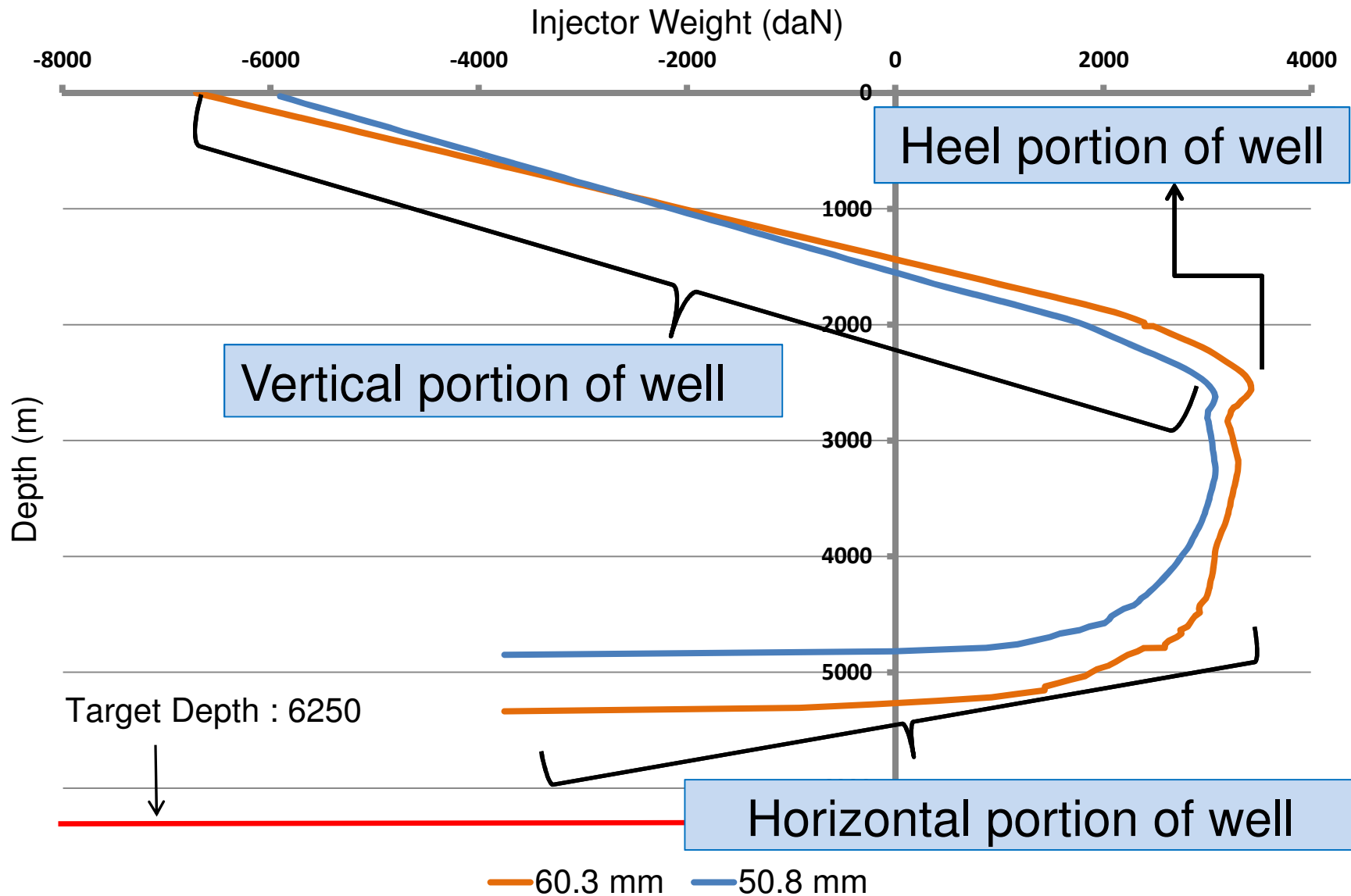
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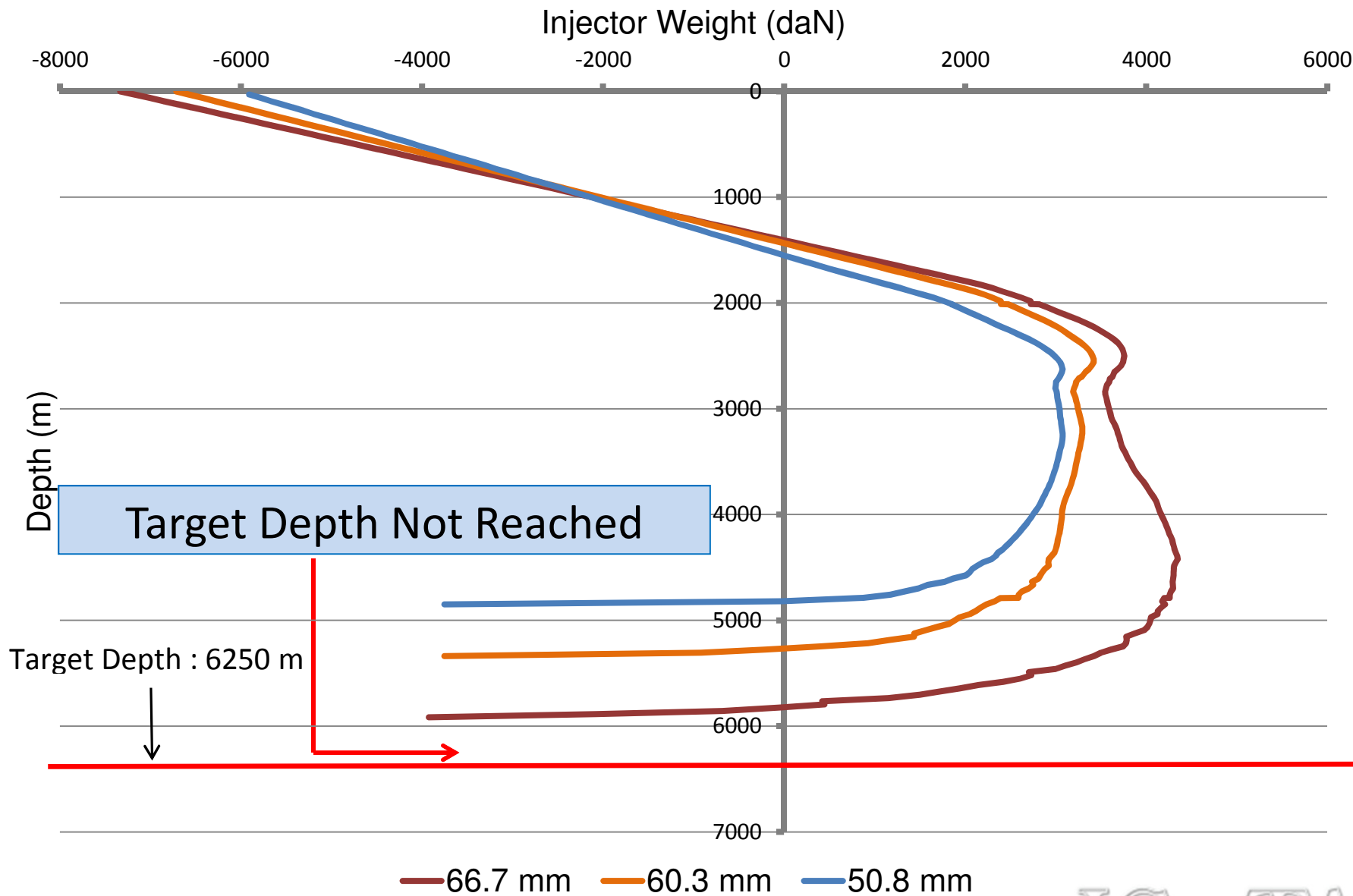
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## CT SELECTION CRITERIA SUMMARY

CT Size	Specific Requirements			Meets Objectives
	Depth: 6250 m required	Annular Velocity: >40 m/min required	Cost: Complete all wells with 1 string (CT Fatigue)	
60.3 mm	5400 m	33.6 m/min	No Concern	No
66.7 mm	6000 m	38.6 m/min	Concern	No

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# EXTENDED REACH TECHNIQUES CONSIDERED

Options Considered:

**Coiled Tubing Tractor**



Pipe Straightener

Hydraulically activated downhole pulling effect – up to 7000 lbs of additional force



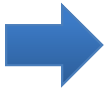
- Risk of becoming stuck in hole from debris-laden column.
- Cost of losing the tool downhole. Availability at time of operation.

## ALTERNATIVE EXTENDED REACH TECHNIQUES

Options Considered:

Coiled Tubing Tractor

**Pipe Straightener**



Straightens pipe to reduce residual bend and friction



- Additional mechanical bend increases fatigue
- Time constraints to design and develop for large OD CT

## UNDERSTANDING CT LIMITATIONS – LITERATURE REVIEW

Reference (SPE#)	Region	Category	CT Total Depth (md-m)	CT Lateral Reach (m)	MD/TVD
94208 (Moore et al., 2005)	Sakhalin, Russia	with Tractor	9,373	6,760	3.59
164237 (Arukhe et al., 2013)	Saudi Arabia		9,113	6,217	3.15
170831 (Liston et al., 2014)	W. Canada	without Tractor	6,198	3,612	2.57
159574 (Griffin and Nichols, 2012)	Bakken Shale, US		5,520	2,939	2.14
127399 (Al-Buali et al., 2009)	Saudi Arabia		3,694	2,390	1.99
168250 (Burke et al., 2014)	Alaska	CT Drilling	4,077	1,309	1.47
106874 (Tongs et al., 2007)	W. Canada		6,370	1,908	1.43
84162 (Patrick et al., 2003)	W. Canada		6,605	1,025	1.21

- Greater reaches obtained with tractors → non viable for application
- Project exceeded conventional limitations w/o tractors (2.57 MD/TVD)

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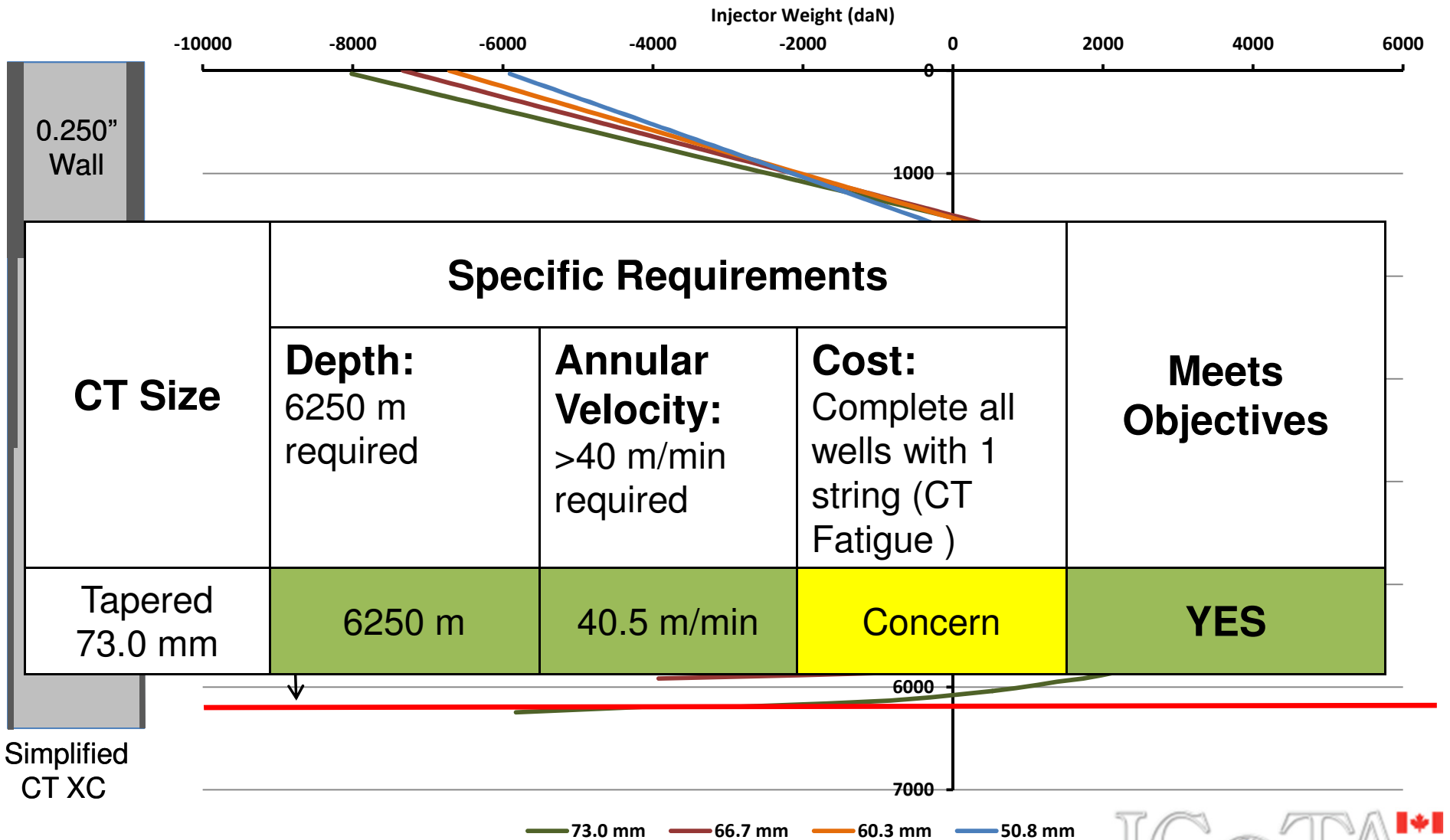
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# The Answer: Benefits of an Engineered 73.0 mm Tapered String



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## TOOL DESIGN – MAXIMIZE RATE AND MINIMIZE FATIGUE

Objectives:

Control Fatigue

Maximize Velocity

Minimize Stalls /  
Circ. Pressure

Increase Torque

Requirement: Improved BHA design

Motor Performance	Standard 2-7/8” Design	New 3-1/8” Design	% Improvement
Flow Range (L/Min)	190-650	380-800	25 %
Operating Pressure (kPa)	7,310	5,450	26 %
Stall Torque (Nm)	1,790	2,200	23 %

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Percent improvement over previous design

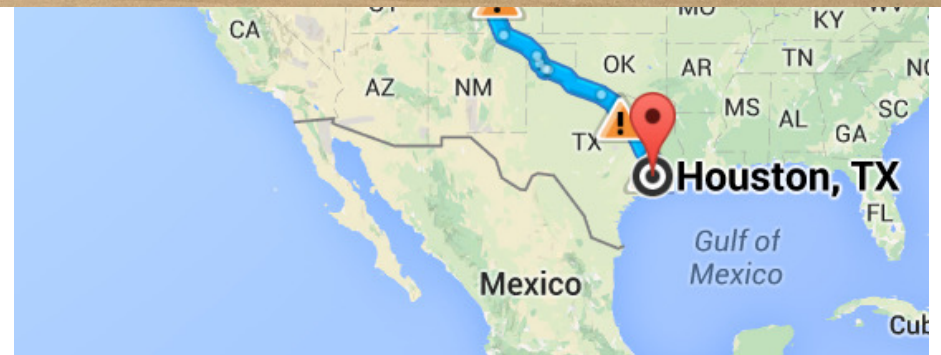
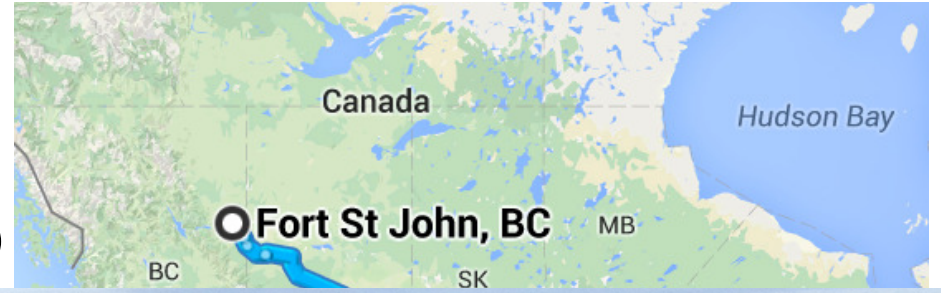
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# COILED TUBING EQUIPMENT DESIGN

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New trailer construction enabled:

- 1) Additional pipe capacity
- 2) Overcome transport limitations from Houston to Site (4,400 kms)



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eliminate 60.3 and 66.7mm

alude to transportation issues that forced the construction of new equipment

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## OPERATIONAL SUMMARY



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