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Inspectorate Continues Expansion of Liquefied Petroleum Gas Sampling and Analysis Capabilities in North America

Shale gas production drives increased market demand for propane, butane, and ethane product analysis

HOUSTON (Oct. 15, 2015) - Inspectorate, leaders in testing and inspection for the oil and gas industry, is expanding its Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) testing capabilities in North America to meet an increasing market demand for the analysis of propane, butane and other LPG products developed in areas where prominent crude supply and natural gas streams exist.

The Marcellus and Utica shale plays in the Tri-State area of Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia, have recently flourished into a large production area of LPGs and has made up approximately 85% of the increase in natural gas production since January 2012 as reported in the EIA's Drilling Productivity Report (DPR). The Utica region alone has been estimated to be producing approximately 18 times higher than levels just two years prior. To meet the demands of this growing industry and to ensure customer needs for LPG product inspection and testing are met, Inspectorate expanded their offices and laboratories in: Linden, NJ; Philadelphia, PA; and Pittsburgh, PA.

Inspectorate has also extended its reach into the heart of the Gulf Coast refining sector through facilities located near strategic ports and waterways covering the area from South Texas to Louisiana. The laboratories are equipped with state-of-the-art LPG testing technologies and staffed by chemists trained to provide immediate reporting and analysis solutions to customers.

"Due to the increasing production of natural gas derived from the major shale plays in the U.S., it is imperative for Inspectorate to have a strong local presence to support our clients and examine the quality of their product, including LPGs," said Fred Hutchings, Senior Vice President for Commodities at Bureau Veritas. "Our testing services provide customers with the confidence and information necessary to succeed in today's changing global market for top quality LPG products."

For more information on Inspectorate's LPG testing facilities, please call 281-848-5829.

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