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Recommendation: The fluid is in a poor condition and it is recommended to change out the fluid before the winter because efficient system operation can't be guaranteed for much longer. The Pentane Insoluble (solids) content is the main problem. At 2.78% it is more than 5x higher than the reportable limit of 0.5%. The solids content of the fluid is also partly the reason for the very high viscosity of 130 cSt/40C. The Fe content of the fluid is high but this is remaining from prior to sweetening of the fluid when the AN was at 3.25. The current AN is elevated but within limits. Please contact your Petro-Canada Tech Service Advisor for assistance with cleaning/flushing of the system.

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Comments: Iron ppm levels are severe. PQ levels are severe. Pentane Insolubles levels are severely high. Visc @ 40°C is severely high. Acid Number (AN) is abnormally high.

Sample Date	Received Date	Fluid Age	Sample Location	Flash Point (COC)	Water (KF)	Viscosity (40°C)	Acid Number	Solids	GCD 10%	GCD 50%	GCD 90%	GCD % < 335°C
	mm/dd/yy			°F/°C	ppm	cSt	mg/KOH/ g	%wt	°F/°C	°F/°C	°F/°C	%
05/23/19	05/31/19	0h		435 / 224	63.3	130	0.332	2.78	723 / 384	814 / 434	915 / 490	0.63
03/13/19	03/20/19	0h	SIGHT GLASS	442 / 228	161.2	159	0.32	2.07	701 / 372	800 / 426	903 / 484	3.62
01/07/19	01/18/19	0h		435 / 224	25.8	68.8	0.451	1.64	697 / 370	786 / 419	886 / 475	1.66
11/15/18	12/05/18	0h		403 / 206	72.6	4599	3.25	1.10	728 / 386	827 / 441	933 / 500	1.13
06/28/18	07/17/18	0h	BOTTOM OF THE PUMP	406 / 208	263.9	238	2.09	0.749	714 / 379	779 / 415	881 / 472	0.00



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Elemental anaysis results (above) in parts per million (ppm). [10,000 ppm = 1.0%]



Historical Comments

	The fluid is in a poor condition but suitable for further use. Was this sample pulled from a low point in the system? (Increased water and solids content) Viscosity
03/13/19	is high. It is recommended to start planning cleaning/flushing of the system. Iron ppm levels are severe. PQ levels are severe. Pentane Insolubles levels are severely high. Visc @ 40°C is severely high. Acid Number (AN) is abnormally high.
01/07/19	Sweetening of the fluid has achieved the goal of reducing Acid Number to below the limit of 1. The current Acid Number of 0.45 is low enough to stop further progress of corrosion within the system. Fe content has decreased to 775 ppm. This is still high but is the remainder of the Fe present before sweetening. The viscosity is still high with 69 cSI/40C but significantly lower than the 4599 cSI/40C before. The solids content of the fluid is still high with 1.64% (from 1.1%) and although high it is currently of no concern unless there are problems with heat exchanger bundle plugging or pump seal leakage. The current condition of the fluid is should also place. It is recommended to start planning the cleaning/flushing job now to be ready for it in the Spring. Please ensure blanket gas is in place to prevent further degradation of the fluid. Please re-sample early March. Iron ppm levels are severe. Pol levels are severe. Pentane Insolubles levels are severely high. Acid shourder [N] high.
11/15/18	The fluid is in a poor condition and needs to be replaced asap. AN has exceeded the limit and viscosity is extremely high. In combination with a high 90% GCD temperature this indicates degradation by oxidation which is related to contract between hot oil and oxygen out of the air. Absence of blanket gas may cause this. The fluid has become highly acidic (AN = 3.25) Evidence of this is the Fe content of 2153 ppm which is generated by corrosion. Not replacing the fluid asap may lead to holes forming in steel components like piping, heat exchangers and vessels. Since the viscosity is extremely high and the Pentane Insoluble (solids) content is also high, the system needs to be cleaned/flushed prior to filing with resh Petro-Therm. The high viscosity may complicate disposal of the fluid by solid/lying at ambient temperature. Please contact your Petro-Canada Tech Service Advisor to discuss this. Iron ppm levels are severe. PQ levels are severe. Pentane Insolubles levels are severely high. Nicc QM's Distribution Point is abnormally high. Manganese ppm levels are abnormally high.
06/28/18	The fluid is severely degraded and has to be replaced. The viscosity is very high. AN has exceeded the limit. The oil has become corrosive and therefore the Fe content is high. GCD 90% temperature is slightly low. The symptoms indicate degradation by oxidation. The Pentane Insoluble (solids) content has exceeded the reportable limit of 0.5% Since oxidation is usually caused by hot oil contacting atmospheric air, it is advised to check proper operation of the blanket gas system. Before filling with fresh fluid an internal inspection of the heater is recommended. This because the solids content is at 0.745%. If necessary the system needs to be cleaned/lushed prior adding a fresh fill. Please take a sample of the fresh fill in circulation while coid and another sample of hot fluid after 24 hours of service. The results will be used as baseline references. For further questions please contact your Petro-Canada Tech Service Advisor. Iron ppm levels are severe. Pol levels are sev

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