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Flow Research will do a new edition of our popular study on the worldwide multiphase flowmeter market. The primary goal is to determine the size of this flowmeter market in 2014. Forecasts through 2019 will be included. This study, *The World Market for Multiphase Flowmeters*, will be available as *Module E* within a suite of studies contained in *The World Market for Natural Gas and Gas Flow Measurement*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. This study will also be available through separate purchase.

This study has multiple objectives:

- To determine worldwide 2014 market size for multiphase flowmeters
- To determine worldwide 2014 market shares for multiphase flowmeters
- To forecast market growth for all types of multiphase flowmeters through 2019
- To identify the industries and applications where multiphase flowmeters are used, and to identify market growth sectors
- To provide a product analysis for the main companies selling into the multiphase flowmeter market
- To provide strategies to manufacturers for selling into the multiphase flowmeter market
- To provide company profiles of the main suppliers of multiphase flowmeters.

## Rationale for Study

Oil and gas well operators are discovering the economic and flow management benefits of technologies that provide reliable real time data on oil and gas flows. Increasingly, the complex demands of managing oil and gas reservoir assets require more sophisticated tools so that producers may improve operating margins in the highly competitive and volatile energy market.

Today's exploration and production environment is filled with potential investment, environmental, and personnel risks as new methods are employed to extract valuable energy resources in areas previously not utilized, and to profitably continue production in wells and fields once considered near depletion. This is particularly true in the offshore and subsea environments where much of today's exploration and production activity is taking place. At the same time, traditional single- and dual-flow flow measurement ideals such as nonrestrictive measurement points, high reliability of accuracy and repeatability, and lengthy lifecycles are still being improved through ongoing research and development. Multiphase metering instrumentation has always promised reservoir managers the confidence to more effectively and more safely operate topside, offshore, and subsea wells – but over the years has often failed to adequately deliver on that promise.

There has been significant R&D investment in multiphase metering as companies compete within this ever-enlarging market. Important technical developments have taken place in the use of radioactive materials and in non-radioactive measurement technologies alike. Much development has focused on the elimination of radioactive materials from integrated design technologies as a way to reduce initial capital costs and ongoing safety concerns.

In the meantime, world economies have essentially recovered from the depths of the recession – but world oil prices have slumped. Multiphase flowmeter manufacturers are faced with introducing a premium product into a market that has demanded the product and its several operational benefits, but is also wary of its high cost and uncertain of its utility in field. And, remarkably, some of the most promising product innovations have resulted from collaborations between well operators and multiphase flowmeter suppliers – a truly rare combination.

For these reasons and more we believe that this is an optimal time to report on multiphase metering.

## **Background of Study**

The accurate measurement of three-phase fluids in the oil and gas industry has never been more important. There are profits to be made in an economically efficient depletion of an existing well as opposed to exploring for new sources of oil and gas. The decisions here have been how and when to ramp up investments in time, personnel, and capital goods to extend production.



The Safire multiphase flowmeter undergoing extended testing

Complicating matters is the fact that the acquisition of data to make intelligent assessments of well performance has often been difficult, while secondary recovery methods are costly. Multiphase flowmeters are designed to provide this data in real time, but have traditionally not been reliable enough to fulfill their role as sole data source.

Multiphase flowmeters are also designed to perform measurement functions traditionally provided by multiple equipment types (e.g., separators, water cut meters), and in a smaller footprint – a real value in the expanding offshore market. Furthermore, multiphase flowmeters can also be designed to be deployed on a portable basis or in use with manifolds where they can dynamically measure multiple well heads.

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The next few pages provide an outline of the essential issues that will be addressed upon the completion of this study, and how the results of this study may benefit you and your company.

## **Operating Principle**

Multiphase flowmeters are generally found to have highest utility in the oil and gas industry. This value is largely based on their ability to simultaneously measure the proportional content of oil, water, and gas streaming at the wellhead. There are multiple technologies presently employed by manufacturers to satisfy this application, and we have explored all of them. The instrumentation is presently costly on a per unit basis, but much in demand. Suppliers are concentrating their efforts to develop improved multiphase measurement techniques at a lower cost to end-users.

## Key issues to be addressed in Module E

This study addresses the following key issues in the multiphase flowmeter market:

- Factors causing the market to grow
- Growth in the use of multiphase flowmeters
- The future of multiphase in custody transfer applications
- The use of multiphase flowmeters in oil and gas applications
- The increased number of suppliers in the multiphase flowmeter market
- The importance of electromagnetic radiation technology and its future in this market
- New product and technology developments
- Growth strategies for multiphase flowmeter suppliers

## Module E

Multiphase flowmeters have application in both the gas and oil industries. For this reason, this study is a module titled "Module E" within two distinct study groups. The two study groups are independently focused on gas measurement and on petroleum liquids measurement. These study groups can be reviewed by visiting our web address at <u>www.flowresearch.com</u> and searching the *Gas & Oil Studies* tab. Module E will also be available as a standalone treatment of its subject.

## **Proposed Segmentation**

The segmentation for this study is as follows:

## **Geographic Segmentation**

This study provides market size, market forecasts and company market share data in multiple categories for the following geographic regions:

- North America (United States and Canada)
- Western Europe
- Eastern Europe/FSU (Former Soviet Union)
- Mideast/Africa
- Japan
- China
- Asia/Pacific (without Japan/China)
- Latin America (Mexico, Central America, and South America)

## Use by Well Type

- New (initial installation)
- Existing (retrofit installation)

#### Usage by Application Site

- Topside (land-based)
- Offshore (platform-based)
- Subsea

#### **Use of Radioactive Material**

- Gamma
- Other
- None

#### **Measurement Configuration**

- Before a separation rig or separator
- After a separation rig or separator
- Without the use of a separator rig or separator

#### **Use by Oil Production Rate**

- $\leq 25$  barrels per day (bbl/d)
- > 25 and  $\leq$  100 bbl/d
- > 100 and  $\leq$  750 bbl/d
- > 750 bbl/d



Europe has been a primary source of multiphase flowmeter research and development.



ABB's Vega Isokinetic Sampling (VIS) multiphase flow meter

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## **Multiphase Flowmeters by Application**

- Fiscal monitoring (Custody Transfer)
- Allocation monitoring
- Reservoir monitoring
- Other applications

#### **Strategies for Success**

- Discussion of market forces at work
- Technical developments
- Strategic action perspectives
- Acquisitions and product partnerships
- Forming alliances to enhance product offerings

#### **Flowmeters by Sales Channel**

- Direct Sales
- Independent Representatives
- Distributors
- E-Business

#### Flowmeters by Customer Type

This flowmeter market is segmented according to the following customer types, and will include discussion of operators by type (e.g., national oil company, independent oil company):

- End-Users
- OEMs
- Systems Integrators
- Engineers/Consultants

#### + Average pricing data

- + Obstacles to growth
- + Reasons behind multiphase metering success
- + Quantified growth rates worldwide and by region
- + Comprehensive technology analyses and supplier profiles



#### **Company Profiles**

Complete company profiles on the leading multiphase flowmeter suppliers are included. The following is a partial list of the companies profiled in this study:

- ABB
- Agar Corporation
- Framo Engineering
- Jiskoot (Cameron Measurement Systems)
- Multiphase Meters
- Neftemer
- OneSubsea
- Phase Dynamics
- Roxar (Emerson Process Management)
- Schlumberger
- Solartron ISA

## **Publication Date**

This study will be published in Q2 2015.

## Founding Sponsorships

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## **Research Team Background**

Dr. Jesse Yoder is President of Flow Research Inc., a company he founded in 1998. Dr. Yoder has 27 years of experience as a writer and an analyst in process control and instrumentation. Since 1990, he has written more than 180 market research studies, most of them regarding flow and instrumentation. Dr. Yoder has also written more than 240 articles on flow and instrumentation for trade journals. Links to many of these can be found at www.flowarticles.com.

Norm Weeks, Senior Market Analyst, joined Flow Research in 2004 after a 24-year stint with Verizon. Norm's previous experiences include serving as Director of the Urban Fellows Institute in New York, and being a Customer Services manager at Automatic Data Processing. At Verizon, Norm specialized in creating innovative solutions for national and international enterprises, introducing new products and lifecycle management, and product marketing. At Flow Research, his contributions in development, research and writing have been significant to studies, custom projects, White Papers, and Worldflow's *Energy Monitor* and *Market Barometer*.

Leslie Buchanan, Research Associate, joined Flow Research in March 2010. She assists with research and writing for Flow Research studies and publications, develops and implements standards for publication formats, serves as a customer liaison, and manages the contacts database.

Nicole Riordan, Director of Marketing, joined Flow Research in 2009. She provides valuable assistance with many functions in the office, and heads our marketing and direct outreach efforts.

Vicki Tuck, Administrative Assistant, joined Flow Research in June, 2012. She has experience in both the fast-paced law firms of Boston, and in various nonprofit organizations. In addition to administrative support, she also collects news for Flow Research publications.

Christina Glaser, a Research Analyst, is a seasoned software programmer, systems architect, and developer with significant website experience. In addition to her technical talent, she brings significant customer savvy, with clients that have ranged from Staples to Microsoft.

Rich West, Research Associate, joined Flow Research in 2014 and has had an immediate impact in customer service relations and media administration. He also provides updates and input to manufacturer databases that are maintained for a variety of research purposes.

## **Recent and Scheduled Flow Research studies:**

- I. The World Market for Coriolis Flowmeters, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition <u>www.flowcoriolis.com</u>
- **II.** The World Market for Magnetic Flowmeters, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition <u>www.flowmags.com</u>
- **III.** The World Market for Ultrasonic Flowmeters, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition <u>www.flowultrasonic.com</u>
- **IV.** The World Market for Vortex Flowmeters, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition <u>www.flowvortex.com</u>
- V. The World Market for Differential Pressure (DP) Flowmeters & Primary Elements <u>www.flowdp.com</u>
- **VI.** Worldwide Survey of Flowmeter Users, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition
- VII. The World Market for Positive Displacement Flowmeters, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition <u>www.flowpd.com</u>
- **VIII.** The World Market for Turbine Flowmeters, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition <u>www.flowturbine.com</u>
- **IX.** The World Market for Pressure Transmitters, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition <u>www.pressureresearch.com</u>
- **X.** The World Market for Flowmeters, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition <u>www.flowvolumex.com</u>
- **XI.** The World Market for Natural Gas and Gas Flow Measurement, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition <u>www.gasflows.com</u>
- XII. The World Market for Steam Flow Measurement <u>www.steamflows.com</u>
- XIII. The World Market for Oil and Oil Flow Measurement www.oilflows.com
- XIV. The World Market for Thermal Flowmeters <u>www.flowthermal.com</u>
- **XV.** The World Market Mass for Flow Controllers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition <u>www.flowMFC.com</u>
- XVI. The World Market for Liquid Analytical Instruments www.flowanalytical.com

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If you have any questions about the Founding Sponsor program, please contact Norm Weeks at +1 781 245-3200, or <u>norm@flowresearch.com</u>.

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- We study suppliers, distributors, <u>and</u> end-users
- Our worldwide network of contacts provides a unique perspective
- Our mission is to supply the data to help your business succeed

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