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GAS QUALITY: A GROWING CONCERN FOR THE END-USER

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European gas quality variations

European Natural Gas market

- Increase in cross border trade
- End users deal with greater variations in gas quality
- Rapidly developing global market for LNG



Serious implications for combustion installations include:

- Higher CO emissions
- Lower output (product quantity / quality)
- Contamination of the burner through soot formation / maintenance
- Installation shutdown



Case study – Eemshaven



EC3 February 2005



EC4 February 2005



EC4 March 2005



EC6 March 2005





EC4 May 2005

EC4 December 2005

Hobré Wobbe Index solutions

WIM COMPASTM

- Measuring Wobbe Index, heating value (BTU) and the Combustion Air Requirement Index (CARI)
- For natural gas blending, fired heaters, gas turbine control and flare gas
- Fast response, high accuracy, repeatability and availability
- Complete stabilization system available



Hobré technology – Wobbe Index pt.3

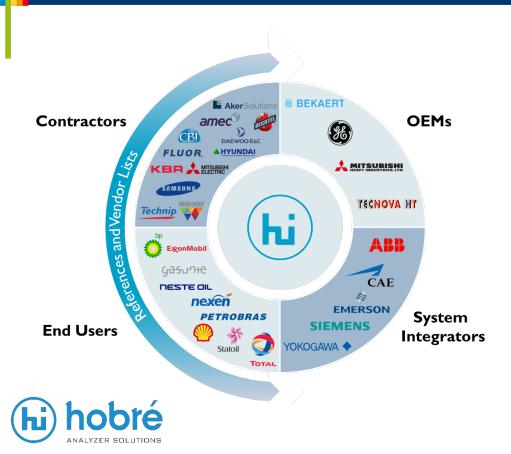
HIGAS – Natural Gas Quality Meter

A compact gas quality meter designed for smaller sized burner installations available in a portable and continuous version.





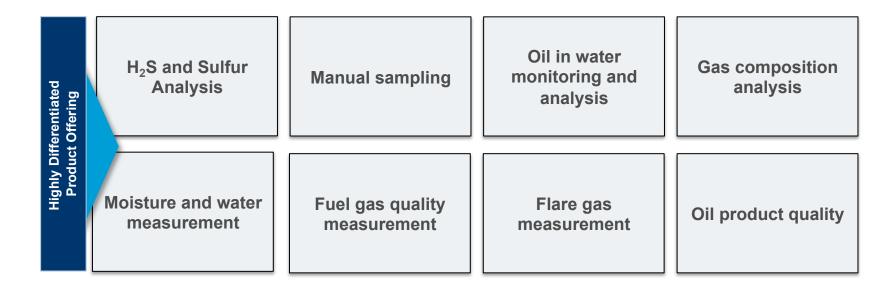
Clients and their experiences



Feedback – West-European refinery

"Last week there were strong calorific value fluctuations in the Natural Gas grid, causing a stage down. Thanks to Hobré technologies we were able to prevent stage downs at two further locations."

Other Hobré applications





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For more information about this topic, feel free to contact us.



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