

SuperLaminate A NoDig Point Repair Technology for Gas Transmission Pipes

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#### QuakeWrap

#### THE COMPANY

Pipeline Division/Project Team

#### BACKGROUND/ **INNOVATION**

The SuperLaminate ® Technology for point repairs of hazardous fluid transmission lines

**USDOT/PHMSA SBIR** PROGRAM

Testing – proof of concept Installation plan Commercialization



Contracting phase 3rd part testing Installation Long-term performance **Business model** 

Future Work (Phase II)

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Founded in 1994 by Prof. Ehsani

World's most innovative FRP Company

Proven record of taking a new technology to the market

More than 20 patents(including six in pipelines)

Received Congressional Recognition

60+ employees (with FRP Construction)

### About QuakeWrap

#### **KEY TEAM MEMBERS**



V. Firat Sever, PhD, PE Pipeline Division Manager Principal Investigator

#### QUAKEWRAP

Prof. Mo Ehsani, PhD, PE, SE President Co-Principal Investigator





Owen Yan, PhD Technical Leader Matthew Winn Mechanical Engineer / Lab Manager



#### SuperLaminate Advisory Board (SAB)

Jerry Rau (Jtrain, Inc.) David McQuilling (Pacific Gas and Electric) Bryce Brown (Rosen Group) Wes Rowley (The Wesley Corporation) Chris Alexander (ADV Integrity)

Commercialization Support Foresight, Inc.

#### **PROBLEM STATEMENT**



Figure 1. Number of pipeline incidents reported by PHMSA from 2000 through 2019.

Goal: Rehabilitate distressed pipes proactively before they fail in a feasible and economical manner with minimal impact to operations.

#### PROBLEM STATEMERONTD







Mileage of existing gas gathering and transmission systems - PHMSA Kinder Morgan's annual budget for capital projects

Anticipated growth in gas pipeline integrity management market (2019-2024) – Energy 360

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#### TheSuperLaminate<sup>™</sup>Technology



Originally developed as a hard liner to span drip pots in gas distribution lines

Was a part of the project (by PSE&G) that won the trenchless project of the year award by TT Magazine

Now transitioning to soft laminae for better adhesion to rugged surfaces and ability to navigate bends (vertical and horizontal)

#### TheSuperLaminate<sup>™</sup>Technology - Contd.



Deployment through launch pads to long distance

Multiple repairs in same mobilization

No excavation needed

Higher pressure capacity, better leak sealing with internal lining

#### TESTING





Mock installations in lab High pressure test Chemical resistance tests

#### **USDA/PHMSA SBIR PROGRAM**

- Through Volpe Center of USDOT
- Phase I:

Proof of concept Technology assessment report by 3<sup>rd</sup> party

Phase II

Additional in-house testing 3<sup>rd</sup> Party testing/certification Deployment design and testing Commercialization (with support from Foresight)



#### Design

- Modified PCC2 Part 4 for internal lining
- Computational modeling with the FEA
- Validation with testing
- To be further improved after 3<sup>rd</sup> party tests

$$t_{min} = \left(\frac{PD}{2} - t_s * s\right) * \left(\frac{1}{f * s_{lt}}\right)$$



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#### INSTALLATION F SUPERMANATE

In-tandem with pig launching



## Remote-controlled carrier



#### Commercialization

"If QuakeWrap can substantiate the value of SuperLaminate and find the right partner(s) to help them go to market the company should find ample opportunity for their novel technology. The technology might prove disruptive or it might become a best evolution of trenchless repair technology suited for select use cases."

-Foresight Science & Technology

What are my competitors working on?

80/0 Overall the

Overall there are 18 classifications represented making up the top 68% of the technologies in this chart.

PIPE, HOSE, PIPELINE, FITTING, CONDUIT, CLAMP, CONNECTOR

. MOLD, ADDITIVELY, THREE DIMENSIONAL PRINTING, ADDITIVE, COMPOSITE, BUILD, THERMOPLASTIC



#### FRPCONSTRUCTION

- QuakeWrap's sister company for installation
- Hundreds of projects completed in the USA
- Highly experienced crews in fiber reinforced polymers
- Driving force to introduce SuperLaminate<sup>™</sup> into the O&G transmission market



"(Your crew) deserve praise for their hard work, good work ethic, and genuine care for the sensitive job location... **they championed this project from start to finish with enthusiasm unknown to most construction work.**" Ryan Bagshaw, Inspector, Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities

#### PathForward



Figure 17. Preliminary Phase II schedule with an assumed start date of 6/15/2021.