

# Molecular Gate<sup>®</sup> Adsorption Technology

## Molecular Gate System Removes CO<sub>2</sub> for California Oil and Gas Producer



*Molecular Gate<sup>®</sup> System at the  
Tideland Facility in Long Beach*

Molecular Gate<sup>™</sup> adsorption systems continue to gain market acceptance with two-dozen projects underway with flows up to 10 MMSCFD.

The first Molecular Gate CO<sub>2</sub> removal system has operated for five years at Tideland where it continues to generate revenue from the sale of an otherwise, unusable by-product of its oil production process.

Tideland Oil is using the system to remove carbon dioxide, heavy hydrocarbons and water from oil production (water flood) associated natural gas at its Long Beach facility. This enables the gas to meet pipeline specifications with single step processing. Tideland is selling their natural gas through the local distribution system.

The unit at Tideland Oil was the first commercial application of Molecular Gate technology for the removal of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and water from natural gas and has

operated for five years with an excellent on-stream factor.

“The system allows us to generate a revenue stream from the sale of gas that otherwise would have to be flared,” said James Wills, Staff Engineer for Tideland’s Long Beach Operations and leader of Tideland’s Molecular Gate project. “We selected the Molecular Gate system over commonly used amine technology due to its lower cost, simplicity of operation and environmental friendliness.”

While amine technology removes carbon dioxide from natural gas, it does not remove water. Both water and carbon dioxide must be removed from natural gas in order to meet U.S. pipeline specifications.

“Unlike amine technology, the Molecular Gate system removes carbon dioxide and dehydrates natural gas in a single step. Further, it is tolerant of oxygen and is designed to operate unattended,” said Michael Mitariten, Business Manager for Molecular Gate technology.

This exciting technology enables Tideland Oil to efficiently treat one million standard cubic feet per day (1 MM SCFD) – producing pipeline quality natural gas by removing more than 30 percent carbon dioxide and water to less than 2% CO<sub>2</sub>.

In this particular application, Molecular Gate<sup>®</sup> adsorbents work by trapping carbon dioxide and water molecules in a fixed bed of adsorbent materials while allowing methane to pass through at feed pressure. Guild Associates provides this unique adsorbent in a complete pressure swing adsorption (PSA) system.

Molecular Gate technology can be used to remove carbon dioxide from coal bed methane, natural gas and landfill gas, among other applications. It also is highly effective in removing nitrogen (or a combination of N<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub>) from a wide variety of contaminated sources of natural gas.

### **About Tideland**

Tideland Oil is a full-service oil and gas production company that manages more than 400 active wells in the Los Angeles basin. The company supervises on-shore oil and gas production for the city of Long Beach, CA.

### **About Guild Associates**

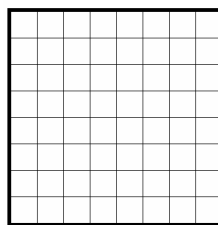
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