



PinnacleAIS Chosen by Independent Refinery CHS to Provide Risk-Based Inspection Program

June 17, 2008- Houston, TX – PinnacleAIS, a leading provider of services and technology specializing in improved asset integrity for the petroleum and chemical processing industry, announced today that it has been selected by independently operated CHS Laurel Refinery, to reduce risks and lower costs while improving uptime. PinnacleAIS will provide CHS with a comprehensive risk-based inspection (RBI) program for its entire facility.

“PinnacleAIS will enable us to maintain a competitive advantage. As an independent refiner, we are increasingly challenged with trying to implement programs to ensure operational effectiveness without the big budgets and large central groups of experts maintained by the major refineries,” said Scott Ostland, Chief Inspector for CHS. “By partnering with PinnacleAIS, we now can efficiently and affordably implement a best-in-class mechanical integrity system.”

“PinnacleAIS has a solid track record in serving the needs of major, integrated oil and gas companies, and we are extremely honored and excited to extend our proven solutions to innovative independent refineries such as CHS,” said Ryan Sitton, Founder and CEO of PinnacleAIS. “While CHS has long had a well organized inspection program, it will now work with PinnacleAIS and our project lead, Kyle Garey, to take a more strategic approach leveraging the latest technologies and industry leading services.”

As part of the program, PinnacleAIS will utilize Tischuk’s TOCA software (www.tischuk.com) for RBI, and UltraPIPE (www.ultrapipe.com) for the implementation. The facility-wide project will take approximately two years.

The PinnacleAIS Solution

PinnacleAIS provides its growing roster of clients with unique, integrated technologies and services for asset integrity, reducing the need to hire multiple contractors and streamlining projects to ensure that all initiatives are completed at the same time. The company’s integrated solutions span four key areas: Mechanical Integrity, Process and Operational Integrity, Compliance/Process Safety Management and Business Improvement, which can be interwoven to provide a complete model that fully optimizes asset integrity.

PinnacleAIS provides the following solutions for its clients:

- Ensures the most strategic use of inspection resources
- Guarantees compliance with state and federal regulations or codes
- Assesses degraded equipment and reports on the remaining useful life of each asset
- Evaluates safety and minimizes business risks associated with asset integrity
- Develops programs that reduce costs associated with managing the reliability of assets
- Provides unsurpassed customer service

About CHS

CHS Inc. (www.chsinc.com) is a diversified energy, grains and foods company committed to providing the essential resources that enrich lives around the world. A Fortune 200 company, CHS is owned by farmers, ranchers and cooperatives, along with thousands of preferred stockholders, from the Great Lakes to the Pacific Northwest and from the Canadian border to Texas. CHS supplies energy, crop nutrients, grain, livestock feed, food and food ingredients, along with business solutions including insurance, financial and risk management services. The company operates petroleum refineries/pipelines and manufactures, markets and distributes Cenex® brand refined fuels, lubricants, propane and renewable energy products. CHS is listed on the NASDAQ at CHSCP.



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About PinnacleAIS

Based in Houston, TX, PinnacleAIS is a leading technology and services provider, specializing in wholesale improvements in asset integrity for the petroleum and chemical processing industry. Through innovative technology and world class services, PinnacleAIS offers a unique approach to asset integrity, helping operating companies realize substantial improvements in compliance and safety while simultaneously reducing costs and business risks. PinnacleAIS is a member of numerous trade organizations including The American Petroleum Institute (API).

PinnacleAIS was founded in 2006 and is privately held.