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## **PinnacleAIS teams up with Texas A&M University to Develop New Pressure Vessel Integrity Technology**

*The industry's leading provider of Asset Integrity Services and Technology gives university students an opportunity to make a difference and create significant changes in today's oil and gas reliability practices.*

PinnacleAIS has announced that it is working with the Texas A&M Mechanical Engineering Department, part of the Dwight Look College of Engineering, to explore advancements in technology concerning pressure vessel integrity. Pinnacle is sponsoring a project with a team of senior design students as a part of the required curriculum. These yearly projects aim at teaching engineering students to apply their knowledge to real world problems by working alongside successful companies who are willing to provide guidance and offer valuable experience. "This program provides the perfect opportunity for our students to gain hands on experience in this industry, while helping companies accomplish their goals and leverage their available resources," Dennis O'Neal, Head of the Texas A&M Department of Mechanical Engineering, commented. "We are thrilled that our students have an opportunity to work with such an innovative company and develop technology that could have a real impact on this industry."

"Texas A&M is a premier public university and is well known to have strong ties to energy industries," added Ryan Sitton, President and CEO of Pinnacle. "We are excited to work with the college of engineering to develop real world technology that can potentially make a strong impact in pressure vessel reliability.

The project is scheduled to continue through the fall of this year and the spring of 2011, and the final product will undergo a panel review process. More project details will be released in the future.

### **About PinnacleAIS**

Based in Houston, TX, PinnacleAIS is a leading technology and services provider, specializing in wholesale improvements in asset integrity for the petroleum, chemical, and mining processing industries. 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.



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### **About Texas A&M University**

As Texas' first public institution of higher learning, Texas A&M houses a bustling 5,200-acre campus with nationally recognized facilities. It is one of a select few universities with land-grant, sea-grant and space-grant designations. Approximately 39,000 undergraduates and more than 9,400 graduate students have access to world-class research programs and an award-winning faculty. Texas A&M has two branch campuses, one in Galveston, Texas, and one in the Middle Eastern country of Qatar.