

Standard announces startup of Endicott

Standard Alaska Production Co. announced recently the startup of Alaska's newest oil field, the Endicott field. The first oil from the field was delivered to Pump Station One of the trans-Alaska pipeline at 4:15 p.m., Oct. 4.

Endicott is located about two and one half miles offshore just northeast of the super-giant Prudhoe Bay field which just celebrated 10 successful years of production this summer. Standard is operator and principal leaseholder — 56.8 percent — of the Endicott field and operates the western half of the Prudhoe Bay field.

Standard President George N. Nelson said, "After getting our permits to build the field, construction progressed very well and we are starting up way ahead of schedule.

"We are also coming in about 40 percent under budget at just over a billion dollars," Nelson said.

"We'll be able to produce about 350 million barrels of oil from the field," Nelson said. "We started producing at 40,000 barrels per day and will be increasing to 100,000 barrels per day in just a few months."

A 24-mile long elevated pipeline will connect Endicott to Pump Station One at the head of the trans-Alaska pipeline.

Design engineering for the project began in mid-1983. Gravel hauling started in early 1985 with facility construction getting started in August of

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that year at New Iberia, La. The production facilities were then barged to the field.

A labor force of about 700 has been working to complete construction and commissioning to achieve the early startup of the field. Initially, startup was planned for late December. A permanent staff of about 100 will operate Endicott.

Other leaseholders in the field include Exxon Corp., 21 percent; Union Oil Co. of California, 10.5 percent; Amoco Production Co., 10.5 percent; Cook Inlet Region Inc., 0.65 percent; NANA Regional Corp., 0.40 percent; Doyon Ltd., 0.13 percent; and Arco Alaska Inc., 0.02 percent.

Standard has responsibility for the Alaska operations of Standard Oil Production Co., the oil exploration and production division of the Cleveland-based, BP America Inc.



The 45-acre Main Production Island is shown in the foreground. It is connected to a satellite drilling island and the shore with a 5-mile causeway.