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A breakdown of the products and services provided by the Members will be found in the following chart. The following is an explanation of some of the less well known terms and items which are listed:

1. "Utility pigs" are used for a variety of purposes such as internal pipe wall cleaning, condensate removal, water fill for pressure testing, gauging, dewatering, drying, commissioning etc. There are many different types available for use in uni-directional, bi-directional and multidiameter pipelines. Utility pigs have been divided into the four different forms in which they are made:

- "Mandrel pigs" are assembled from a number of component parts, and spare parts are available.
- "Foam pigs" are moulded from polyurethane foam with various configurations of solid polyurethane strips and/or wire bristles, studs etc. permanently bonded to them.
- "Solid cast pigs" are moulded in one piece – usually from polyurethane.
- "Spheres" are hollow balls, usually made from polyurethane and inflated to the optimum diameter with water/glycol.

2. "Hyperbaric spheres" and "High DP pigs" are used mainly on subsea pipelines as a temporary plug while the two ends of the line are welded together.

3. "Pig signals" indicate the passage of a pig. Intrusive types are mechanically actuated via a trigger or plunger which protrudes into the line. Non-intrusive and subsea signals may employ magnetic, ultrasonic or radioactive techniques.

4. "Pig locators" are used to locate a pig which may or may not be in motion.

5. "Sphere flow tees" are specially designed to allow a sphere to pass an offtake without stalling. They may be called simply "Sphere tees" or "Flow tees".

6. "Sphere lifters" are usually in the form of tongs or suction devices.

7. "Pig suspension systems" are designed to keep a pig in the centre of a pipeline. They usually comprise spring-loaded skids or wheels and are used for inline inspection tools, or other relatively heavy pigs, and in multi-diameter pipelines.

8. There are two main methods of finding metal loss (corrosion): Magnetic flux leakage (MFL) and ultrasonics (UT). Another emerging technology involves the use of eddy currents.

**Further, more detailed information on pigs and pigging will be found in the PPSA book entitled: "An Introduction to Pipeline Pigging".**  
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		Alchemy Oilfield Services Ltd	American Pipeline Solutions, Inc	Apache Pipeline Products	Applus +	Argus	ARR Freeflow Private Limited	B.G. Technical Ltd
PIPELINE PIGS	Mandrel pigs			●		▲	●	●
	Foam pigs		▲	●		▲	●	●
	Solid cast pigs			●		▲	●	●
	Spheres			●		▲	●	●
	Hyperbaric spheres							▲
	High DP (plugging) pigs							▲
PIPELINE PIGGING COMPONENTS AND EQUIPMENT	Pig signals – intrusive		▲	●		▲	●	▲
	Pig signals – non-intrusive			▲		▲	▲	▲
	Pig signals – subsea			●		▲	▲	▲
	Pig trackers & locators			●			▲	▲
	Closures & Interlocks						▲	▲
	Pig/sphere traps						●	▲
	Pig trap (barrel)					●		
	Pig valves					●		
	Multi pig launcher (valve)					●		
	Automatic sphere launcher							
	Pig/sphere launch valves						▲	▲
	Sphere launch pins/flaps						▲	
	Sphere flow tees						▲	
	Diverter							
	Convergers (Wyes)							
Pig handling systems							▲	
Pig Suspension Systems								
Sphere lifters								
PIPELINE PIGGING SERVICES	Testing	●	●		●			●
	Drying	●	●		●		●	●
	Commissioning	●	●		●		●	●
	Cleaning – general	●	●		●		●	●
	Cleaning – pre-inspection	●	●		●		▲	●
	Gel pigging	●						●
	Slug (batch) inhibition	●						●
	In situ internal line coating							
	Pig tracking/locating		●	▲	●		●	●
	Isolating/plugging	●						●
	Hot tapping							
	Pipeline repair							●
Decommissioning								
IN LINE INSPECTION SERVICES	Metal loss/corrosion (MFL)		●		●			●
	Metal loss/corrosion (UT)				●			●
	Metal loss/corrosion (other)		●		●			●
	Geometry		●		●		▲	●
	Crack detection		●					
	Leak detection		●		●			●
	Illegal taps detection				●			
	Photographic/video		●		●			
	Bend detection				●			●
	Profile/Mapping		●		●			
	Spanning/line cover					●		
	Smart Utility Pigging		●			●		●
CONSULTANCY SERVICES	Feasibility studies					●		●
	Pig/system design		●	●				●
	Pig development		●	●				●
	Pig testing/trials		●					●
	Defect assessment							●
	Fitness for purpose assess		●		●	▲		
	Safety		●					●
	Project Management					▲		
INDUSTRIAL PIGGING	Pigs	●	▲	●				●
	Components/fittings							●
	Controls							
	System Design		●					●
	Installation		●					●

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		Baker Hughes / Quest Integrity	CDI	CEPS a.s.	China Petroleum Pipeline Inspection Tech. Co Ltd	Drinkwater Products	Enduro Pipeline Services, Inc	Enemech Ltd	ENTEGRA	Eureka Efektif Sdn Bhd	GD Engineering	Girard Industries	Global Process and Pipeline Services Limited	GOTTSBERG Leak Detection GmbH & Co KG	Growth Avenue Sdn Bhd	Gulf Petrochemical Services & Trading LLC	Gyra Industrial Technology (Dongguan) Co., Ltd.	Halliburton Pipeline & Process Services (HPPS)	IK Trax	IKM Testing AS	
<b>PIPELINE PIGS</b>	Mandrel pigs				●	▲	●			●		●				▲	▲	▲		▲	
	Foam pigs				●	▲	●			▲		●				▲	▲	▲		▲	
	Solid cast pigs				●	▲	●			▲		●				▲	▲	▲		▲	
	Spheres					▲	●			▲		●		●		▲	▲	▲		▲	
	Hyperbaric spheres													●			▲	▲		▲	
	High DP (plugging) pigs					▲								●			▲	▲		▲	
	Pig signals – intrusive				●	▲	●			▲	●	▲				▲		▲		▲	
Pig signals – non-intrusive		●			▲	●			▲	●	▲		●		▲		▲		▲		
Pig signals – subsea		●			▲	●			▲	●	▲		●		▲		▲		▲		
Pig trackers & locators		●		●	▲	●			▲	●	▲		●		▲		▲		●	▲	
Closures & Interlocks					▲					●	▲				▲		▲		▲	▲	
Pig/sphere traps			●	●	▲										▲		▲		▲	▲	
Pig trap (barrel)																					
Pig valves																					
Multi pig launcher (valve)																					
Automatic sphere launcher					●	▲				●	▲		▲		▲		▲		▲	▲	
Pig/sphere launch valves					●	▲				●	▲		▲		▲		▲		▲	▲	
Sphere launch pins/flaps										●						▲		▲		▲	
Sphere flow tees											●					▲		▲		▲	
Diverters																				▲	
Convergers (Wyes)																				▲	
Pig handling systems		●			●				●		▲		●		▲		▲		▲	▲	
Pig Suspension Systems														●		▲		▲		▲	
Sphere lifters					▲						▲									▲	
<b>PIPELINE PIGGING COMPONENTS AND EQUIPMENT</b>	Testing	●		●	●			●					●	●		●	●	●	●	●	
	Drying	●		●	●			●					●	●		●	●	●	●	●	
	Commissioning	●		●	●			●					●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
	Cleaning – general	●		●	●			●		●			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
	Cleaning – pre-inspection	●		●	●			●	●	●			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
	Gel pigging	●		●	●			●					●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
	Slug (batch) inhibition	●		●	●			●					●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
	Insitu internal line coating				●											●	●	●	●	●	
	Pig tracking/locating	●	●	●	●	▲	●	●	●	●			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
	Isolating/plugging	●			●			●		▲			●	●		●	●	●	●	●	
	Hot tapping																				
	Pipeline repair	●		●	●					▲						●		▲		▲	
	Decommissioning																				
	<b>IN LINE INSPECTION SERVICES</b>	Metal loss/corrosion (MFL)	●		▲	●		●		●	▲			●		●	▲	●	▲		▲
Metal loss/corrosion (UT)		●		▲						▲			●		●	▲	●	▲		▲	
Metal loss/corrosion (other)		●								▲			●		●	▲	●	▲		▲	
Geometry		●		▲	●		●		●	▲			●		●	▲	●	▲		▲	
Crack detection		●		▲	●					▲			●		●	▲	●	▲		▲	
Leak detection		●			●								●	●		▲		▲		●	
Illegal taps detection		●											●								
Photographic/video													●					●	▲		●
Bend detection		●		▲	●		●		●	▲			●	●	●	●		●	▲		●
Profile/Mapping		●		▲	●		●		●	▲			●	●	●	●		●	▲		▲
Spanning/line cover		●											●	●	●	●		●	▲		▲
Smart Utility Pigging		●									▲		●	●	●	▲		●	▲		▲
<b>CONSULTANCY SERVICES</b>		Feasibility studies	●		●	●	▲		●	●	●			●				●	●		●
	Pig/system design	●			●	▲	●		●	●				●	●	●	●	●		●	
	Pig development	●			●	▲	●		●	●				●	●	●	●	●		●	
	Pig testing/trials	●	●		●	▲	●	●	●	●			●	●	●	●	●	●		●	
	Defect assessment	●		●	●	▲			●					●	●	●	●	●		●	
	Fitness for purpose assess	●		●	●	▲			▲					●	●	●	●	●		●	
	Safety			●	●				▲							▲		●		●	
Project Management	●					●													●		
<b>INDUSTRIAL PIGGING</b>	Pigs	●			●	▲	●				●			●		▲		▲		▲	
	Components/fittings				●	▲										●		●		▲	
	Controls				●											●		▲		▲	
	System Design				●									●				●		▲	
	Installation				●													●		●	

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		IIMENCO UK Ltd	Inline Services LLC.	iPIPE PRODUCTS™	Intero Integrity Services BV	Itaimatch Chemicals GB Ltd	Jee Ltd	Kleiss & Co b.v.	Knapp Polly Pig Inc	Limpro Nacional, SA de CV	Middle East Manufacture of Pipe Cleaning Equipment	NAFTOSERWIS Sp. z o.o.	NDT Global	Novitech Inc.	3P Services GmbH & Co. KG	4Pipe Hidropig Engenharia Industrial LTDA	Petrosystem SRL	Pigs Unlimited International LLC	Pigtek Ltd	Pipecare Group	
PIPELINE PIGS	Mandrel pigs		●	●				●	●	●	●					●	●	●	●	●	
	Foam pigs		●	●				●	●	●	●						●	●	●	●	
	Solid cast pigs		●	●				●	●	●	●						●	●	●	●	
	Spheres		●	●				▲	●	●	●						●	▲	●	●	
	Hyperbaric spheres		●	●				▲			●							▲		●	
	High DP (plugging) pigs		●	●					●		●							▲		●	
PIPELINE PIGGING COMPONENTS AND EQUIPMENT	Pig signals – intrusive		▲	●				▲	▲	▲	●						●	▲			
	Pig signals – non-intrusive	●	●	▲				▲	▲	▲	▲				●		▲	●	▲		
	Pig signals – subsea	●	▲	●				▲	▲	▲	▲				●		▲	●	▲		
	Pig trackers & locators	●	▲	●				▲	▲	▲	▲	●			●		▲	▲	●	●	
	Closures & Interlocks		▲	●							▲						●	▲		●	
	Pig/sphere traps		▲	●							▲						●	●	▲	●	
	Pig trap (barrel)			●																●	
	Pig valves																				
	Multi pig launcher (valve)			●																	
	Automatic sphere launcher			●																	
	Pig/sphere launch valves		▲	●							▲						▲	▲	▲		
	Sphere launch pins/flaps		▲	●							▲							●			
	Sphere flow tees		▲	●							▲										●
	Diverters		▲	●																	
	Convergers (Wyes)		▲	●																	●
Pig handling systems		▲	●								●					●	●		●	●	
Pig Suspension Systems																			●	●	
Sphere lifters		▲	●																●	●	
PIPELINE PIGGING SERVICES	Testing				●					●							●	●	▲	●	
	Drying				●	●				●							●	●	▲	●	
	Commissioning				●	●				●							●	●	▲	●	
	Cleaning – general		●	●	●	●				●						●	●	●	▲	●	
	Cleaning – pre-inspection		●	●	●	●				●							●	●	▲	●	
	Gel pigging			▲		●														●	
	Slug (batch) inhibition				●	●				●										●	
	Insitu internal line coating				●	●													▲		
	Pig tracking/locating		▲	●	●						●		●			●	●	●		●	
	Isolating/plugging			●		●														●	
	Hot tapping							●													
	Pipeline repair			●		●															
	Decommissioning			●		●														●	
IN LINE INSPECTION SERVICES	Metal loss/corrosion (MFL)				●								●	●	●		●	▲	●	●	
	Metal loss/corrosion (UT)				●							●	●	●	●		●	●	▲	●	
	Metal loss/corrosion (other)				●							●	●	●	●		●	▲	●	●	
	Geometry		●	●	●					●		●	●	●	●		●	●	▲	●	
	Crack detection				●							●	●	●	●		▲	●	▲	●	
	Leak detection		●	●	●							●	●	●	●		●	●	▲	●	
	Illegal taps detection			●	●															●	
	Photographic/video			●	●											●				●	
	Bend detection		●	●	●							●	●	●	●				▲	●	
	Profile/Mapping		●	●	●						●	●	●	●	●			●	▲	●	
	Spanning/line cover														●					●	
	Smart Utility Pigging		●	●	●							●	●	●	●				▲	●	
	CONSULTANCY SERVICES	Feasibility studies			●	●		●				●	●			●	●	●	▲	●	●
Pig/system design			●	●	●		●				●	●			●	●	●	▲	●	●	
Pig development			●	●	●		●			●		●	●		●	●	●	▲	●	●	
Pig testing/trials			●	●	●		●		●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	▲	●	●	
Defect assessment				●	●		●		●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	▲	●	●	
Fitness for purpose assess				●	●		●		●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	▲	●	●	
Safety					●		●				●						●			●	
Project Management			●	●															●		
INDUSTRIAL PIGGING	Pigs		●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●					●	●	▲	●	●	
	Components/fittings			●			▲			▲	●						●	●		●	
	Controls		●	●			▲										●	●		●	
	System Design			●	●												●	●	●	●	
	Installation			●	●												●	●	●	●	

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		Pipeline Engineering (Part of Nylacast Group)	Pipeline Innovations Ltd	Pipeline Piggng Products Inc	Pipeline Services LLC (PLS)	PipeWay Engenharia	Pipesurvey International CV	PolyEurope bv	PSI – Pipeline Services International GmbH & Co KG	PT. Farrel Internusa Pratama	PT. Titan Servis Indonesia	PT Tri Mulya Gemilang	PT. Tonsco International	PVM SAS	RAS Rohrleitungs- und AnlagenService GmbH	Reinhart Hydrocleaning SA	ROSEN Group	Romstar Sdn Bhd	Sancus Ltd	Shenyang Emt Piping Technology Co., ltd	
<b>PIPELINE PIGS</b>	Mandrel pigs	●		▲	▲	▲	●	●	▲	●	●	▲	▲	●	●		●	●		●	
	Foam pigs			●	▲	▲		●	▲	●	▲	▲	▲	●	▲			●		●	
	Solid cast pigs	●		▲	▲	▲		●		▲	▲	▲	▲	●				●		●	
	Spheres			▲	▲	▲		●		▲	▲	▲	▲	●				●		●	
	Hyperbaric spheres				▲						▲		▲							▲	
	High DP (plugging) pigs				▲		●	●			▲		▲	●				●		▲	
<b>PIPELINE PIGGING COMPONENTS AND EQUIPMENT</b>	Pig signals – intrusive			▲	▲	▲	▲	▲		●	▲	▲	▲	●						●	
	Pig signals – non-intrusive			▲	▲	▲	▲	▲		▲	▲		▲	▲	▲					●	
	Pig signals – subsea			▲	▲	▲	▲	▲		▲	▲		▲	▲	▲					●	
	Pig trackers & locators	●		▲		▲	▲	▲		▲	▲		▲	▲	▲	▲				●	
	Closures & Interlocks				▲	▲				●	▲	▲	▲							●	
	Pig/sphere traps				▲	▲				●	▲	▲	▲			●				▲	
	Pig trap (barrel)																				
	Pig valves																				
	Multi pig launcher (valve)																				
	Automatic sphere launcher																				
	Pig/sphere launch valves				▲						▲	▲		▲							▲
	Sphere launch pins/flaps					▲								▲							
	Sphere flow tees				▲									▲							
	Diverter				▲									▲							
	Convergers (Wyes)				▲									▲							
	Pig handling systems				▲			●			●	▲		▲							
Pig Suspension Systems				▲							▲		▲							▲	
Sphere lifters											▲		▲								
<b>PIPELINE PIGGING SERVICES</b>	Testing			●	●			▲	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			
	Drying			●	●			▲	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			
	Commissioning			●	●			▲	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			
	Cleaning – general			●	●			▲	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			
	Cleaning – pre-inspection			●	●			▲	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			
	Gel pigging			●	●			▲	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			
	Slug (batch) inhibition			●	●			●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			
	Insitu internal line coating							●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			
	Pig tracking/locating			●	●	▲	●	▲	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			
	Isolating/plugging				●		●			●	●		●	●	●						
	Hot tapping																				
	Pipeline repair				●					●	●	●	●								
	Decommissioning																●				
<b>IN LINE INSPECTION SERVICES</b>	Metal loss/corrosion (MFL)				●	●	●	▲		▲	▲	▲	●	●			●	●			
	Metal loss/corrosion (UT)				●	●	●	▲		▲	▲	▲	●	▲			●	●			
	Metal loss/corrosion (other)				●	●	●			▲	▲	▲	●	▲			●	●			
	Geometry		●		●	●	●		●	▲	▲	▲	●	▲		●	●	●			
	Crack detection				●		▲			▲	▲	▲	●	▲			●	●			
	Leak detection				●				●	▲	▲		●	▲		●		●			
	Illegal taps detection						●														
	Photographic/video						●				▲	▲	●	▲							
	Bend detection		●		●	●	●			▲	▲		●	▲				●	●		▲
	Profile/Mapping		●		●	●	●			▲	▲	▲	●	▲				●	●		
	Spanning/line cover						●			▲	▲	▲	●	▲							
	Smart Utility Piggng		●		●	●	●			▲	▲		●	▲							
<b>CONSULTANCY SERVICES</b>	Feasibility studies	●	●		●	●	●			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			
	Pig/system design	●	●	●	●	●	●			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			
	Pig development	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			
	Pig testing/trials	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			
	Defect assessment				●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		
	Fitness for purpose assess				●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		
	Safety						●				●		●					●	●		
	Project Management																	●	●		
<b>INDUSTRIAL PIGGING</b>	Pigs			●	▲		●	●		●	●	▲	▲	●	●		●	●		●	
	Components/fittings				▲						●	▲	▲	●	▲		●	●		●	
	Controls										●	▲	▲	●			●	●			
	System Design					●				●	●		●				●	●			
	Installation					●				●	●		●				●	●		●	

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		Shenyang University of Technology	STATS Group	T. D. Williamson	Topline Limited	Tracerco Ltd	Trans Asia	Transpipe Integrity Solutions Middle East, FZE	TRAPIL	VKVC (Vee Kay Vikram & Co. LLP)	VP Engineers	WSG Energy Services
<b>PIPELINE PIGS</b>	Mandrel pigs			●	▲		▲			●	●	▲
	Foam pigs			●	▲		▲			●	●	▲
	Solid cast pigs			●	▲		▲			●	●	▲
	Spheres			●	▲					●	●	▲
	Hyperbaric spheres			●							●	▲
	High DP (plugging) pigs			●						●	●	▲
<b>PIPELINE PIGGING COMPONENTS AND EQUIPMENT</b>	Pig signals – intrusive			●						●	●	▲
	Pig signals – non-intrusive			●						●		▲
	Pig signals – subsea			●						●		▲
	Pig trackers & locators	●		●	▲					▲		▲
	Closures & Interlocks			●						●		▲
	Pig/sphere traps								●	●		●
	Pig trap (barrel)											
	Pig valves											
	Multi pig launcher (valve)											
	Automatic sphere launcher											
	Pig/sphere launch valves									●		
	Sphere launch pins/flaps									●		
	Sphere flow tees									●		
	Diverters									●		
	Convergers (Wyes)									●		
	Pig handling systems			●						●		●
	Pig Suspension Systems			●						●		●
	Sphere lifters			●						●		●
<b>PIPELINE PIGGING SERVICES</b>	Testing			●	●		●			●		●
	Drying			●	●		●		●	●		●
	Commissioning			●	●		●			●		●
	Cleaning – general	●		●	●		●	●		●		●
	Cleaning – pre-inspection			●	●		●	●	●	●		●
	Gel pigging			●	●		●			●		●
	Slug (batch) inhibition			●	●		●			●		●
	In situ internal line coating			●	●		●			●		●
	Pig tracking/locating	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●
	Isolating/plugging		●	●			●			●		●
	Hot tapping		●	●								
	Pipeline repair		●	●	●				●	●		●
	Decommissioning		●	●								
<b>IN LINE INSPECTION SERVICES</b>	Metal loss/corrosion (MFL)	●		●	▲		●	●				▲
	Metal loss/corrosion (UT)	●		●	▲		●	●	●			▲
	Metal loss/corrosion (other)	●		●		●	●	●				▲
	Geometry	●		●	▲		●	●	●	●		●
	Crack detection	●		●	▲	●	●	●	●			▲
	Leak detection			●	▲	●	●		●	●		●
	Illegal taps detection	●		●								
	Photographic/video	●										●
	Bend detection	●		●			●	●	●	●		●
	Profile/Mapping	●		●	▲		●	●	●			▲
	Spanning/line cover											▲
	Smart Utility Pigging			●	▲		●	●	●			▲
<b>CONSULTANCY SERVICES</b>	Feasibility studies		●	●	●		●		●			●
	Pig/system design	●		●					●	●		●
	Pig development	●		●			●			●		●
	Pig testing/trials	●		●			●					●
	Defect assessment	●		●					●			●
	Fitness for purpose assess	●		●	●				●			●
	Safety	●		●	●				●			●
	Project Management	●		●								●
<b>INDUSTRIAL PIGGING</b>	Pigs			●	▲		▲			●		▲
	Components/fittings			●			▲			●		▲
	Controls			●						●		
	System Design			●						●		▲
	Installation			●						●		●