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TEMCOR COMPLETES SECOND PHASE OF ORDER TO COVER  
PETROLEUM STORAGE TANKS IN VENEZUELA

CARSON, CA – August 31, 2000 – With the final four Temcor Aluminum Domes nearing completion, a two-phase order at the flow station plant of the Petrozuata company near Pariaguan, Venezuela has been filled by Temcor, the world's largest aluminum dome builder. A total of 10 domes were purchased for the flow station by Construcciones PDM Venezuela to cover a variety of tanks. The plant, which has a capacity of 120,000 barrels per day, blends crude from 500 wells on the Orinoco Oil Belt.

Phase one, which was completed in 1998, included six domes to cover two 202' diameter dehydrated crude oil tanks; one 121' diameter off-spec product tank, one 121' diameter diluent tank, one 67' diameter fire water tank and one 39' diameter slop water tank. "The design flexibility of a Temcor Aluminum Dome means the contents of virtually any storage tank can be protected," said Carlos R. Gomez, Latin America marketing manager for Temcor.

Phase two, now nearing completion, includes four domes to cover three 202' diameter dehydrated crude oil tanks and one 121' diameter diluent tank.

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The all-aluminum domes offer the petroleum/petrochemical industry a number of advantages that have been proven for more than 35 years. Temcor Aluminum Domes are non-combustible and corrosion-resistant, and do not react to vapors such as CO<sub>2</sub>, nitrogen, H<sub>2</sub>S, nafta and hydrocarbons contained in the tanks, so the domes stay maintenance-free for life. The domes can be built in clear spans up to 900' without the need for intruding support columns, and they can be designed and engineered to allow for vents, hatches, valves, etc. And, Temcor Aluminum Domes can be built on the ground near the tank and lifted into place, so the tank may not have to be taken out of service.

The tanks at the Pariaguan flow station have been engineered to withstand a live load of 25psf, wind speeds of 75 mph and, with the exception of the firewater tank, an internal pressure of 27psf. Additionally, the crude oil and off-spec tanks are designed to withstand a vacuum of 2" of H<sub>2</sub>O column and a high temperature of 220 degrees Fahrenheit.

Temcor has been building aluminum domes and other structures for more than 35 years and has more than 6,000 installations throughout the world in industries as varied as water and wastewater treatment, petroleum and bulk storage, and scientific research. Temcor domes and roof systems for architectural applications are in place as sports arenas, cruise terminals, planetariums, churches, and more.

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