



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE PROVISION OF WELDING MATERIAL FOR AGI PIPING REFERENCE NO.: CPP-PROC-UG-006-0206-11

China Petroleum Pipeline Engineering Co., Ltd. (hereinafter abbreviated as CPP) as Pipeline, Feederline & Above Ground Installation Contractor for the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project invites experienced and reputable Contractors to express their interest in supplying kinds of equipment/materials for EACOP Project.

The EACOP Project involves the development, construction, operation and maintenance of a crude oil export pipeline that originates in Kabaale, Uganda and delivers oil for marine export on the East African coast in the Tanga area in Tanzania.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE:

* Supply of welding Material for AGI piping.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Companies expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

1. Proof of License/Registration Information and Profile of Supplier, including license and TIN certificate.

- 2. Proof of registration with the PAU National Supplier Database (NSD) for Uganda.
- 3. Fully filled Questionnaire, Key personnel list with CV(Appendix1)and Equipment list of production and inspection(Appendix2) in requested format. (Blank regards as unqualified item.)
- 4. Similar supplying experience within last three years(Appendix3) in requested format.
- 5. Compliance with the Petroleum Midstream National Content Regulation # 34,2016 for Uganda.
- 6. Copy of certificates of ISO 9001, ISO 45001, ISO 14001 or equivalent of them.
- 7. Tax Clearance Certificate for the last three years and Audit report for the last three years.
- 8. The supplier must be manufacturer. Manufacturer's Commitment Letter shall be provided.
- 9. Technical requirements shall meet NO.11-welding Material for AGI piping.

Interested companies which meet the minimum requirements and have the capacity to provide the WORK (GOODS/SERVICES) listed above should express their interest by sending together with the above listed documents an email to supplierdata@cpptz.com (Max. Email Size: 20 MBs, Wetransfer link is available for huge size documents. & All documents must be submitted in the English language) on or before 24:00 hours East African Time (EAT), on DATE(23/2/2023). Subject of the email should be <u>"EOI for CPP-PROC-UG-006-0206-11-COMPANY NAME"</u>. CPP reserves the right not to consider companies that submit an incorrect email subject and the incorrect format of Questionnaire, Appendix 1, 2 and 3.

The format of the required documents and relevant technical requirements(NO.11-welding Material for AGI piping) which are mentioned in Minimum Requirements should be downloaded from EACOP's website (https://eacop.com/opportunities-by-main-construction-contractors/china-petroleum-pipeline-engineering-co-ltd/).

Companies satisfactorily meeting the above minimum requirements will receive, subject to the signature of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), a detailed pre-qualification questionnaire for further evaluation by Company.

CPP reserves the right not to consider companies that submit an incomplete dossier.

Note 1: Only pre-qualified companies will receive an invitation to submit their bid in furtherance of the Call for Tender process.

NOTE: Please provide documents named by serial number according to each item.

ltem No.	Category / Question	
0	*NC/LC REQUIREMENTS	
0.1	General Requirements	
	Is the Applicant fully aware of the local climatic and working conditions of country and the local applicable laws to carry out the project? (Yes or No)	
0.1.2	Applicant to confirm that the full Scope of the Project can be performed.(Yes or No)	
0.2	National Content Requirements for Uganda (Applicable for Uganda)	
0.2.1	Proof of business registration and business license for Uganda.	
0.2.2	Proof of registration with the PAU National Supplier Database (NSD) for Uganda.	
0.2.3	Compliance with the Petroleum Midstream National Content Regulation # 34,2016 for Uganda.	
0.3	Local Content Requirements for Tanzania (Applicable for Tanzania)	
0.3.1	Proof of business registration and business license for Tanzania.	
0.3.2	Proof of registration/application to EWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database.	
0.3.3	Compliance with Petroleum (Local Content) Regulations, 2017 and Local content requirements for Tanzania.	
1	GENERAL INFORMATION	
1.1	Company Data	
1.1.1	Name of Applicant	
1.1.2	Introduction of Applicant (establishing time,Copies of government issued IDs for all shareholders,main business scope,etc.)	
1.1.3	Applicant address	
1.1.4	Applicant phone number	
1.1.5	Applicant email address	
1.1.6	Applicant Website	

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1.1.7	* Manufacturer's Commitment Letter The supplier must be manufacturer.	
1.2	Authorized contact person and contact details	
1.2.1	Name of authorized contact person	
1.2.2	Contact person's business address - phone number	
1.2.3	Contact person's business address - mobile phone number	
1.2.4	Contact person's business address - email address	
1.3	Organization Chart	
1.3.1	Applicant is requested to attach its organization chart.	
1.4	Language	
1.4.1	English shall be used as the Project language for all documents and correspondence - applicant to confirm	
2	FINANCIAL ASPECTS	
2.1	Bank information	
2.1.1	Name of Applicant's principal bank	
2.1.2	Address of Applicant's principal bank - street and number	
2.1.3	Address of Applicant's principal bank - post code and city	
2.1.4	Address of Applicant's principal bank - country (and state)	
2.2	*Registration with the Tax Revenue Authority	
2.2.1	Registration with the Uganda Tax Revenue Authority, including TIN Certificate.(Applicable for Uganda)	
2.2.2	Registration with the Tanzania Tax Revenue Authority, including TIN Certificate.(Applicable for Tanzania)	
2.3	*Proof of Tax Clearance Certificate	
2.3.1	Proof of Uganda Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest 3 years available.(Applicable for Uganda)	

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2.3.2	Proof of Tanzania Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest 3 years available. (Applicable for Tanzania)	
2.4	Audited financial statements	
2.4.1	Applicant 's financial performance documents, Audited Balance sheets and Profit and Loss statements, Auditors Report and Notes to Accounts etc. for last 3 (three) years. Latest financial statement should not be older than 18 months on the date of submission of response to this Expression of Interest.	
2.5	Line of credit	
2.5.1	The line of credit shall not be less than USD 5 million, and the bid bond and performance bond shall only be issued by internationally renowned banks. (Yes or No)	
3	LITIGATION HISTORY, RISK ASSESSMENT AND ELIGIBILITY	
3.1	Litigation or arbitration history	
3.1.1	Provide information on any history of litigation or arbitration resulting from orders executed in the last (5) years or currently under execution, especially with CPP. (Yes or No)	
3.2	Eligibility	
3.2.1	Does Applicant appear on World Bank's common List of Ineligible Entities available under the following link http://www.worldbank.org/debarr or is Applicant subject to any sanction from World Bank and from UN? This must be similarly affirmed if the Applicant is an Affiliate or otherwise directly or indirectly controlled by such an ineligible entity. (Yes or No)	
4	QA/QC, HSE, CERTIFICATES, KEY PERSONNEL	
4.1	Please provide Applicant's ISO 9001:2015 Certificate.	
4.2	Please provide Applicant's ISO 45001:2018 Certificate (or equivalent).	
4.3	Please provide Applicant's ISO 14001:2015 Certificate (or equivalent).	
4.4	Please provide QA/QC manuals.	

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4.5	Any other technical Certificates (API, etc.).	
4.6	Please provide key personnel list, Format refer to Appendix 1.	
4.6.1	Please provide QA Manager's CV	
4.6.2	Please provide QC Inspector's CV	
4.6.3	Please provide Production Manager's CV	
5	FABRICATION AND DESIGN	
5.1	Range of products for oil and gas industry the applicant produces.(Yes or No)	
5.2	Please give details of your manufacturing and design/engineering facilities (size, area, number, etc.).	
5.3	Do you have in house design facilities? (Yes or No)	
5.4	Please provide details of the assembly yard/facilities you would use for the various parts of the project.	
5.5	Please provide the equipment list of production and inspection, Format refer to Appendix 2.	
5.6	*Technical requirements shall meet our relevant technical requirements documents attached. (Yes or No)	
6	PROJECT SPECIFIC OUTPUT, CAPACITY, ABILITY	
6.1	Please specify estimated average capacity per month for manufacturing and delivery of the product.	
6.2	What is the available capacity (i.e. not yet booked) of the Applicant for the product in Year 2023?	
6.3	According to your present workload what is the approximate time period (in weeks) for the first dispatch after purchase order award (on EXW basis)?	
7	EXPERIENCE RECORD AND REFERENCES	
7.1	Please provide similar experience within last three years, Format refer to Appendix 3.	
7.2	Please provide scanned CONTRACT for completed project or LETTER of AWARD for ongoing projects, completion certificate (if any), appreciation letters (if any) etc.	
7.3	Please confirm whether there have been any product quality incidents in the past 5 years. (Yes or No)	
8	RAW MATERIALS	

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8.1	Please list the Sub-suppliers of raw materials (Company Name, Country).	
9	SPARE PARTS AND MAINTENANCE	
9.1	Supply list of recommend spare part for the product. (If applicable)	
10	DIVERSE DATA	
10.1	Please confirm that you will provide on-site Services such as provision of re-assembly, supervision of site acceptance, assistance during quality warranty period. (If applicable, Yes or No)	

	Vears of Qualification Certificates							
No.	Title	Name	Years of			Location	Notes	
		Experience	Experience	Name of the Certificate	Certificate No.			

Notes: pls attach the CV & scanned copies of certificates etc.

APPENDIX 2 List of Main Equipment

No.	Name of Main Equipment	Brand & Model	Qty.	Status of Equipment	Self-owned (Y/N)	Location of Equipment	Date of Production	Notes

Notes: This format includes equipment of production and inspection, pls attach photos and self-owned certificate etc.

APPENDIX 3 List of Similar Supplying Experience in Oil and Gas Field

Client	Contact Information of Client (Email/Phone number)	Location	Years	Name of the Project	Scope of Supply	Status of the Project (Completed / Ongoing)	Bidder's Contract Value	Notes

Notes:

1.Please attach following documents: scanned CONTRACT for completed project or LETTER of AWARD for ongoing projects, completion certificate (if any), appreciation letters (if any) etc. 2.The information of the PROJECT mentioned above may be confirmed by CPP with the assistance of EACOP COMPANY. **Technical Requirements of Welding Consumable**

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1 PURPOSE

The Purpose of this documents is to describe minimum requirements for supply welding consumables for EACOP Project.

2 SCOPES

This document outlines the minimum requirements to be followed for the mechanical tested of welding consumables used in the EACOP project. Other examine/tests, identifying and packaging shall be performed in accordance with the relevant sections of ASME Section II, Part C-2017 and ASME Section IX-2017.

3 REFERENCES

ASME Section II, Part C-2017	Specification for Welding Rods Electrodes and Filler Metals
ASME Section IX-2017	Welding and Brazing Qualifications
EN 10204- <mark>2006</mark>	Metallic products - Types of inspection documents
ISO 14344-2010	Welding consumables – Procurement of filler materials and fluxes
UT-MID-70-WPR2-210001-02	Specification For Pipeline Welding
UT-MID-60-WPR2-210010	PPS-Welding, Inspection and PWHT for piping
UT-MID-60-WPR2-100015	EACOP Project Description, Definitions and Abbreviations List
UT-MID-60-WPR2-100036_02	SUPPLIER DOCUMENT AND MANAGEMENT SPECIFICATION

4 DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS

COMPANY	East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP)
EPcmC	Engineering, Procurement, Construction Management and Commissioning
CONTRACTOR	China Petroleum Pipeline Engineering Co. Ltd (CPP)
AGI	Above Ground Installations
AWS	American Welding Society
BPVC	Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code
Drying	Prior to delivery Low Hydrogen Type Electrodes for carbon steel and low alloy steel, and Lim-Titanium Type Electrodes for austenitic stainless steel, etc., shall be dried to reduce the moisture contained in the coated flux in accordance with electrode manufacturer's recommendations.
EN	European Norm
HAZ	Heat-Affected Zone
IEC	International Electro technical Commission
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
ITP	Inspection and Test Plan

RFI	Request For Inspection			
SMAW	Shielded Metal Arc Welding			
SS	Stainless Steel			
TS	Tensile Strength			
Unused Electrodes	Refer to all electrodes that have defects, such as damaged coating or illegible identity marking, damaged or missing flux coating, wet flux or change in quality of flux shall not be used. Unused electrodes shall be properly disposed according to COMPANY Standard and Welding Requirements.			
YS	Yield Strength			

5 TESTS

5.1 Testing

Each heat, lot (or batch) of consumables shall be subject to inspection and approval by COMPANY. 3.1 (according to EN 10204) Mill test certificates from consumable Manufacturers showing test results obtained on the said lot shall be submitted to COMPANY for review. During purchase order phase, CONTRACTOR will highlight to welding consumable manufacture to adopt the required mechanical test during productive process. During welding consumable purchase phase, Contractor will double confirm the relevant Mill test certificates, only after confirm CONTRACTOR can accept the purchase.

All test results shall be reflected in the 3.1 Certificate and supported by a test report issued by a qualified and approved by the COMPANY laboratory.

- 1) The lot and the level of testing are specified as per ISO 14344 as follows:
 - Covered electrodes: class C5 or alternatively C3 provided it is limited to one heat number and when the chemical composition of wet mixes is controlled by raw material analysis and computerized weighing.
 - Bare solid electrodes and rods: class S3
 - > Tubular cored electrodes and rods: class T3.

Note: The following definitions are fully consistent with ISO 14344.

Class S3- A class S3 lot of bare solid electrodes and rods or consumable inserts is the quantity of one size produced in one production schedule from material identified by one heat number.

Class T3-A class T3 lot of tubular cored electrodes and rods is the quantity produced from material identified by one heat number and one dry batch or one dry blend of core materials. Identification of the core ingredients shall be as specified in 3.5.

Class C3- A Class C3 lot of covered electrodes is the quantity, not exceeding 45000 kg, of any one size and classification produced in 24 h of consecutively scheduled production (i.e. consecutive normal work shifts). Class C3 electrodes shall be produced from covering identified by wet mix or controlled chemical composition (see 3.3.2 in ISO 14344) and core wire identified by heat number or controlled chemical composition (see 3.3.1 in ISO 14344).

Class C5- A class C5 lot of covered electrodes is the quantity of one size and classification produced from one dry blend of covering mixture and core wire identified by one heat number.

Heat Number- Consumable inserts, solid wires, rods and strip, core wire for covered electrodes, and the sheath (strip or tubing) for tubular cored electrodes and rods, identified by heat number, shall consist of material from a single heat of metal.

Dry batch-Quantity of dry ingredients mixed at one time in one mixing vessel. Note Liquid binder, when added to a dry batch, produces a wet mix. A dry batch can be divided into smaller quantities, in which case addition of the liquid binder produces as many wet mixes as there are smaller quantities.

Dry Blend-(Welding Consumables) two or more dry batches from which quantities of each are combined proportionately, then mixed in a mixing vessel to produce a larger quantity in which the ingredients are as uniformly dispersed as they would have been had the entire quantity been mixed together at one time in one large mixer. Note a dry blend, as in the case of a dry batch, can be used singly or divided into smaller quantities which, when the liquid binder is added, produce one or more wet mixes.

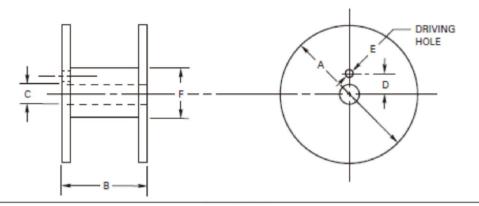
Wet Mix-Combination of liquid binder and a dry batch or dry blend, or a portion thereof, mixed at one time in one mixing vessel.

2) The level of testing shall be as per ISO 14344 - Schedule 4 as a minimum.

5.1 Pipeline Welding Consumable Test

Filler Metals					
Specification & Classification	Diameter	Type of packaging			
AWS A5.18 ER70S-G	0.9 and 1mm	Spools, 8 Inch,5kg, See Figure 5.1 for dimensions.			
AWS A5.18 ER70S-6	2.4mm	Straight,L=900mm,5kg			
AWS A5.36 E81T1-M21A8-NI1-H4	1.2mm	Spools, See Figure 5.2 for details.			
AWS A5.1 E7016	3.2mm	Straight			
AWS A5.5 E8018	3.2mm	Straight			
AWS A5.29 E81T1	1.2mm	Spools, 8 Inch,5kg, See Figure 5.1 for dimensions.			
AWS A5.29 E91T1	1.2mm	Spools, 8 Inch,5kg, See Figure 5.1 for dimensions.			

1) EN10204-3.1 certificate shall be provided for weldiing consumables.



	DIMENSIONS								
		4 in. [100 mm] Spools 8 in. [200 mm] Spools \$ \$ 100 \$ \$ 200		12 in. [300 mm] Spools		14 in. [350 mm] Spools			
	ISO 544 Denomination			S 200		S 300		\$ 350	
		in.	mm	in.	mm	in.	mm	in.	mm
A	Diameter, max. (Note 1)	4.0	102	8.0	203	12	305	14	355
B	Width Tolerance	1.75 ±0.03	45 +0, -2	2.16 ±0.03	55 +0, -3	4.0 ±0.06	103 +0, -3	4.0 ±0.06	103 +0, -3
C	Diameter Tolerance	0.63 +0.01, -0	16.5 +1, -0	2.03 +0.06, -0	50.5 +2.5, -0	2.03 +0.06, -0	50.5 +2.5, -0	2.03 +0.06, -0	50.5 +2.5, -0
D	Distance Between Axes Tolerance	_	_	1.75 ±0.02	44.5 ±0.5	1.75 ±0.02	44.5 ±0.5	1.75 ±0.02	44.5 ±0.5
E	Diameter (Note 2) Tolerance	_	_	0.44 +0, -0.06	10 +1, -0	0.44 +0, -0.06	10 +1, -0	0.44 +0, -0.06	10 +1, -0

GENERAL NOTES:

(a) Outside diameter of barrel, dimension F, shall be such as to permit proper feeding of the electrode.

(b) Inside diameter of the barrel shall be such that swelling of the barrel or misalignment of the barrel and flanges will not result in the inside of the diameter of the barrel being less than the inside diameter of the flanges.

NOTES:

 Metric dimensions and tolerances conform to ISO 544, except that "A" specifies ± tolerances on the nominal diameter, rather than a plus tolerance only, which is shown here as a maximum.

2. Holes are provided on each flange, but they need not be aligned. No driving holes required for 4 in. [100 mm] spools.

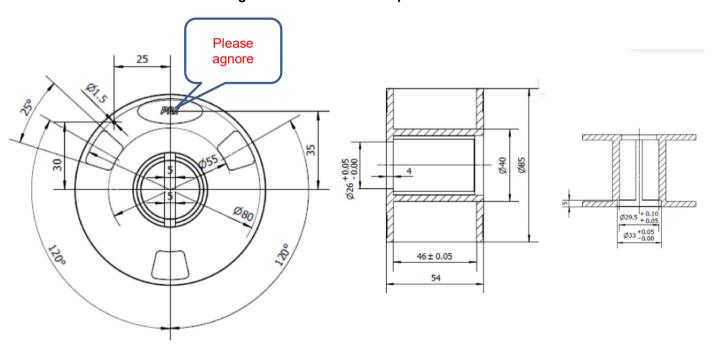


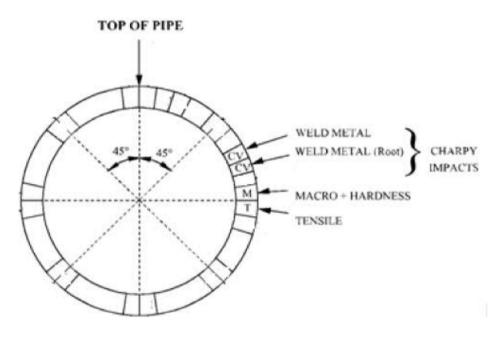
Figure 5.1 Dimensions of Spools

Figure 5.2 Details of Spools

- 2) Each batch of welding consumables shall be subject to the following welding tests under the same conditions and with the same equipment as used for the relevant approved welding procedure:
 - As-welded chemical analysis
 - > Tensile-strength Test (all weld and cross weld)
 - Charpy V-notch Impact Test
 - Macro + Hardness Survey
 - > Diffusible hydrogen (Only for low hydrogen electrode)

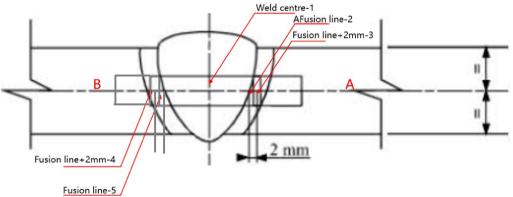
CTOD Test (the toughness acceptance criteria are a minimum CTOD value of 0.50mm converted from J. It is highlighted that this minimum CTOD value does not imply that a strain capacity of 2% will be met.) This is solely a quality control acceptance criteria.

3) The location of each specimen is shown below:



Key:

T = Transverse Tensile M+H = Macrography+ Hardness survey CV = Charpy V-notch impact. If the pipe comprised the test coupon are not from the same manufacturer, the number of impact specimens shall be 5, as follows:



4) Test specimens shall be cut mechanically (sawing, milling). Flame cutting shall only be permitted to facilitate machining, and only if cuts are spaced at least 50 mm from any test specimens.

5) The weld deposits obtained from these consumables shall satisfy the Impact Toughness, CTOD and Hardness requirements stated in UT-MID-70-WPR2-210001 for pipeline. See Table 1.

Test Item		Standard (Current version)	Acceptance value	Number of specimens		
Tensile (All weld and cross weld)		ASMT A370 or ASTM E8/E8M	Tensile test results shall comply with the requirements of Section 5.6.2.3 in API 1104 and UT-MID-70-WPR2-210001	1		
	Weld	ASTM A370	0°C, Average≥45 Joule and Single≥38	3		
Impact	HAZ	or ISO148-1	Average: \geq 42 Joule and Single \geq 35 Joule for API 5L X60M.	3		
Macrograph ^a		ASTM E340	All welds shall be free from lacks of penetration and lacks of root fusion.	1		
Hardness ^b		ASTM E384	Not exceed 300 HV5.	I		
SENT				3		
As-welded chemical analysis (including diffusible hydrogen level where specified)		analysis (including diffusible hydrogen level		analysis (including liffusible hydrogen level ISO 6847 Follow the requirement		3
	Tensile (All weld ar Impact ^c Macrograp Hardness ^b SENT As-weld analysi diffusible	Tensile (All weld and cross weld) Impact c HAZ Macrograph a Hardness b SENT As-welded chemical analysis (including diffusible hydrogen level	Test Item (Current version) Tensile (All weld and cross weld) ASMT A370 or ASTM E8/E8M Impact c Weld ASTM A370 or ASTM E23 or ISO148-1 Macrograph a ASTM E340 Hardness b ASTM E384 SENT BS 8571 As-welded chemical analysis (including diffusible hydrogen level ISO 6847	Test Item Acceptance value Tensile (All weld and cross weld) ASMT A370 or ASTM E8/E8M Tensile test results shall comply with the requirements of Section 5.6.2.3 in API 1104 and UT-MID-70-WPR2-210001 Impact ° Weld ASTM E8/E8M 0°C, Average≥45 Joule and Single≥38 Joule for API 5L X65M. Average:≥42 Joule and Single≥35 Joule for API 5L X60M. Macrograph ª ASTM E340 All welds shall be free from lacks of penetration and lacks of root fusion. Hardness ^b ASTM E384 Not exceed 300 HV5. SENT BS 8571 CTOD≥0.5mmOnly applicable to: AWS A5.5 E8018 and AWS A5.1 E7016. As-welded chemical analysis (including diffusible hydrogen level ISO 6847 Follow the requirement		

- **Note :** a. The macro-sections shall be ground and polished (diamond paste finished) and etched to show up the Weld Metal and Heat Affected Zones micro-structures. The macro-section shall be visually examined using a magnification lens of at least X5 to ensure good weld profile and absence of out-of-tolerances imperfections. All welds shall be free from lacks of penetration and lacks of root fusion.
 - b. Photomicrographs showing the indent locations shall be included with the test Record. See Figure of section 5.6.8 in UT-MID-70-WPR2-210001.
 - c. The three specimens shall consist of one each from the nominal 12, 3 or 9, and 6 o'clock positions on the test weld and should be permanently marked to identify the original position.

5.2 AGI Welding Consumable Test

1) EN10204-3.1 certificate shall be provided for weldiing consumables.

Filler Metals					
Specification & Classification Diameter		Type of packaging			
AWS A5.18 ER70S-6	2.4mm	<mark>Straight 直段, L=900mm, 5kg</mark>			
AWS A5.1 E7018	3.2mm	Straight 直段			
AWS A5.9 ER316L	2.5mm	<mark>Straight 直段, L=900mm, 5kg</mark>			
AWS A5.4 316L-16	3.2mm	Straight 直段			
AWS A5.9 ER385	2.5mm	<mark>Straight 直段, L=900mm, 5kg</mark>			

- 2) Each batch of welding consumables shall be subject to the following welding tests under the same conditions and with the same equipment as used for the relevant approved welding procedure:
 - > All-Weld-Metal Tensile Teste

- Charpy V-notch Impact Test
- ➢ Moisture Test
- > As-welded chemical analysis
- > Diffusible Hydrogen Limits for Weld Metal

Table 2 Test Item and Number of specimens

No.	Test Item		Standard	Acceptance value	Number of specimens		
1	All-Weld-Metal Tensile Test		SFA-5.1 of ASME BPVC.II.C-2017	TS≥490Mpa, YS≥400Mpa, Elongation ≥22%;	1		
2	Impact	Weld HAZ	SFA-5.1 of ASME BPVC.II.C-2017	Average ≥27J and Single≥ 20J at –30°C	5		
3	Moisture Test		SFA-5.1 of ASME BPVC.II.C-2017	<0.6	N/A		
4	As-welded chemical analysis				ASTM E350	Table 7 in the SFA-5.1 of ASME BPVC.II.C-2019	1
5	Diffusible Hydrogen Limits for Weld Metal		SFA-5.1 of ASME BPVC.II.C-2017	16 mL/100g	N/A		
	atory to be ac red by the CC		O/IEC 17025, the scope of a	ccreditation <mark>included</mark> the abov	e <mark>standard</mark> , and		

Note : Both the highest and lowest test values obtained shall be disregarded in computing the average. Two of these remaining three values shall equal or exceed 27J.