# BELZONA STOPS COSTS SPIRALLING OUT OF CONTROL

## **CUSTOMER**

Pigment Manufacturer, UK

#### **APPLICATION DATE**

2010

#### **APPLICATION SITUATION**

Spiral Heat Exchangers commonly used within part of the client's facilities.

#### **PROBLEM**

An unwanted reaction within these assets is the formation of hot hydrochloric acid, which was then attacking the steel spirals. It was thought that there were only a few weeks left before the heat exchanger would fail. The lead time on a replacement was nearly 12 months.

#### **PRODUCTS**

Belzona 4311 (Magma CR1)

#### **SUBSTRATE**

Carbon Steel

## **APPLICATION METHOD**

The steel was grit blasted, followed by a brush application of 3 coats of Belzona 4311 in accordance with Belzona Know-How System Leaflet TCC-5.

# **BELZONA FACTS**

The replacement cost for this heat exchanger was over £230,000. Belzona was used to coat the affected areas on both ends of the asset with a material that can withstand hydrochloric acid, even at  $60^{\circ}$ C. The whole application was completed with only minor material costs of about £600. The client then repeated the application on a further two identical spiral heat exchangers the following year.

#### **PICTURES**

- 1. One end of spiral heat exchanger untreated
- 2. Belzona 4311 application underway
- 3. Close up of coating
- 4. Completed application









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