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**Part 1 – General**

**1.01 RhinocoatTM High Temperature Conduit ELITE**

**1.02 This system** shall be **RhinocoatTM High Temperature** **Conduit ELITE System** with **Pyrogel® XT-E** as manufactured by **Rovanco Piping Systems** of Joliet, Illinois.

**Part 2 - Products**

* 1. **Carrier Pipe:** A53B Black Steel Pipe ERW, in pre-cut lengths. Pipe 10” and smaller shall

be Schedule 40. Pipe 12” and larger shall be .375 wall. (Schedule 80 shall be used for condensate lines. Other metallic pipe available.

* 1. **Carrier Pipe Insulation:** Shall be Pyrogel® XT-E as manufactured by Aspen Aerogels.

Pyrogel® XT-E is a high temp insulation blanket formed of silica aerogel and reinforced with   
a non-woven, glass-fiber batting. Sectional insulation shall be banded on pipe with aluminum banding on 18” centers. Insulation thickness shall be as specified.

* 1. **Inner Pipe Supports:** All pipe shall be aligned and supported within the casing with

galvanized steel supports spaced on centers approximately 10’0”. The insulated inner pipe shall bear directly on the steel support. The support shall be designed as to permit drainage and free air passage. All pipe passing through supports shall be insulated. Concrete type pipe supports will not be allowed.

**2.04 Outer Conduit Casing:** Outer casing shall be black steel. Casing up through 24” shall be 10 gauge. Casing 26” and larger shall be 6 gauge. The interior surface shall be smooth to permit free moisture drainage and removability of the inner assembly. The outer casing shall be sized to provide adequate annular space between the outer surface of the insulation material and the interior surface of the casing.

The exterior surface will be coated with a dual layer Fusion Bonded Epoxy system. The first coat will be 15 mils green finish coat. No glasswrap or filler materials shall be used in the epoxy. All exterior conduit surfaces shall be shot-blasted prior to the coating being applied. The Fusion Bonded Epoxy shall conform to thee ASTM Standards: ASTM D1763, ASTM G17, ASTM D1044, ASTM D2370, ASTM G14, ASTM G8, ASTM D968, ASTM D1002, ASTM D659, ASTM D257, ASTM D1000, ASTM G53 and ASTM B117.

The second layer will be 5 mils of black or brown compatible Fusion Bonded Epoxy coating that will provide mechanical protection to the first layer. The second layer of Fusion Bonded Epoxy will be applied no later than 5 seconds after the first layer has been applied so that is securely bonds to the first layer as both layers cure. The second layer must have an impact resistance of at least 160 lbs. per square inch as per ASTM G14-72. The Fusion Bonded Epoxy coating will be applied

in a total thickness of no less than 20 mils. The coating system will be equal to Rovanco Piping Systems – Rhinocoat™. No asphalt, coal tar coating, FRP casing or any other type will be allowed. Conduit casing closures shall consist of 10-gauge steel suitably rust proofed and in cylindrical form with a single horizontal split and shall be field welded over adjacent units. After tests all exposed closures shall be covered in the field with a polyethylene heat shrink material with a minimum thickness of 60 mils.

**2.05 Expansion Loops & Elbows:** Expansion loops or expansion elbows shall be furnished and enclosed in the same type of casing as those furnished for the standard section of the piping system. They will be of a size to permit the inner pipe or pipes to move without damage to the insulation material. All expansion loops or expansion elbows shall be pre-fabricated and shipped to the job site in as few pieces as possible (manufacturers’ recommendation to govern). All inner pipe loops and expansion bends shall be cold sprung in the field by the contractor as required.

**2.06 Weld Fittings:** All changes in direction shall be made with bent or weld fittings. Where tee branches are smaller than the main they join, weld-o-lets may be used. All weld fittings shall be long radius and shall be the same wall thickness as adjacent piping.

**2.07 Anchors:** Anchors shall be pre-fabricated onto the piping units and shall be equipped with drainage and vent openings at the top and bottom of the anchor plate. Anchor plates shall be made of ½” steel plate.

**2.06 End Seal and Gland Seals:** Terminal ends inside manholes, pits, or building walls shall be equipped with end seals consisting of a steel bulkhead plate welded to the pipe conduit.

End seals shall be made of a ½” steel plate with drain or vent openings located diametrically opposite on the vertical center line of the mounting plate and shall be shipped to the jobsite with plugs in place. Terminate containment 2 inches beyond the inside face of building walls to protect any exposed piping from damp wall condensation.

**2.07 Field Tests:** The inner pipe of the system shall be tested hydrostatically to 1-1/2 times the working pressure of the line. If a leak is found, it shall be repaired and the test repeated. The outer casing shall be tested with air at 15 psig and a soap solution shall be applied to the field joints to locate leaks. If leaks occur, they shall be repaired and the test repeated. After approved by test, all field joints shall be coated by the contractor. Before backfilling, the contractor shall test the containment coating with an electric holiday detector. Any breaks in the coating system will be repaired and the test repeated by the contractor.

**2.08 Back Fill:** Should be tamped compactly in place so as to assure a stable surface. No rock should be used in the first foot of backfill. 24”, top of the pipe to grade, of compacted fill shall meet the H-20 Highway loading.

**2.09 Installation:** The installation shall be made in accordance with plans and specifications, and manufacturers installation instructions. Manufacturer will provide a field service instructor   
on-site prior to fabrication of the piping to confirm routing, anchoring, support, and termination details. The field serviceman will also train the contractor in all phases of installation.

**2.10 Approved Vendors: Rhinocoat™ High Temp Conduit ELITE System** by Rovanco, Joliet, Illinois or approved, ISO Certified, equal. Any alternate supplier must submit their technical data to the engineer ten days prior to bid date to be approved in writing as an equal.