Internet-based services have just been taken to a whole new level at Hunter McDonnell Pipeline Services (HM).

In 2000, HM began an aggressive strategy to become an Information Technology (IT) leader in the pipeline industry. HM's IT infrastructure has since evolved from a single server known as HM Mother to what we now see today - a fully secured mini-server farm. HM services like ARMADILLO, ALIAS, and PipeWISE now perform better than ever with higher speed Internet access and increased security. The expansion will also enable HM to explore new internet-based enhancements to the industry.

HM's mini-server farm is currently comprised of five new servers each dedicated to a specific role. Be it a firewall, web server, mail server, Citrix server, or a database server each one has been designed for a specific role to optimize performance and scalability.

In addition to these dedicated servers a robotic eight-tape library capable of 2.56 terabytes (compressed) of data backups was installed to ensure data security. Add to the equation the direct 10MB internet connection and the 1GB network infrastructure that connects all of the servers and you have a winning combination for HM's new mini-server farm.

**PipeWise** is an online software solution best described as a comprehensive system for the management of pipeline integrity and engineering information. Nearly 10 years of research and testing went into the development of the universal data formats and standards that allow PipeWise to easily and accurately combine and manage pipeline data.

**ARMADILLO** is HM’s newest IT service - a detailed Internet-based real time pig tracking system that enhances communication capabilities. For more information log on to www.hmpsi.com!

**About HM Pipeline Services**
HM is a privately owned pipeline engineering and consulting firm. Services provided include pipeline pigging consulting and tracking, pipeline integrity consulting and data management, right of way over the line surveys and specialized pipeline equipment sales and rentals. For more information about HM or the services offered please see our web site.

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