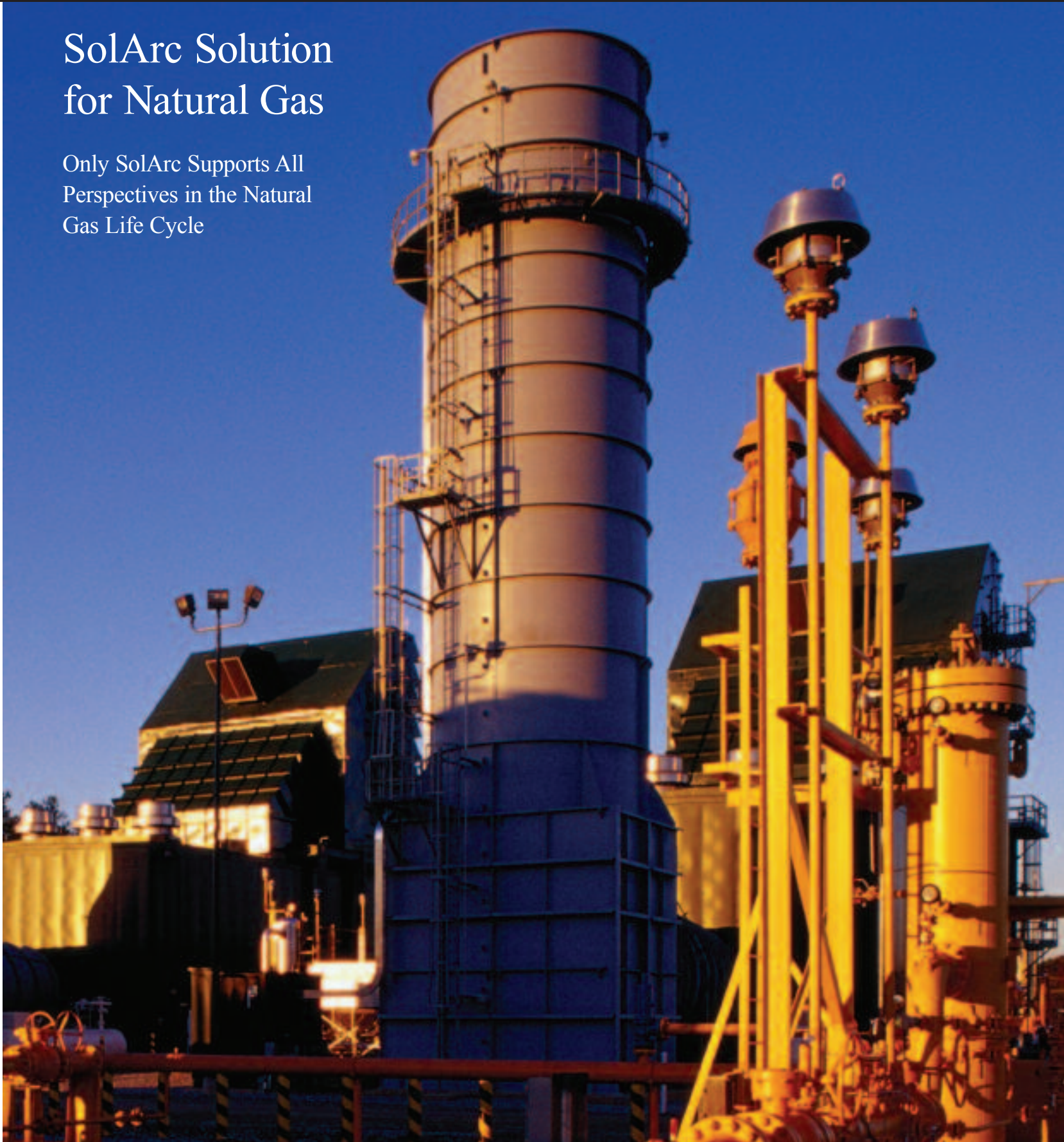




SolArc Solution for Natural Gas

Only SolArc Supports All
Perspectives in the Natural
Gas Life Cycle



Why do producers, gatherers, processors, gas marketers and shippers, storage and pipeline operators, local distribution companies, and end users select the SolArc Solution for Natural Gas?

Most dependable and proven commodity management and basic risk application for the natural gas industry.

Based on years of industry experience, technology expertise, and proven capabilities, the SolArc[®] Solution for Natural Gas supports all roles in the natural gas value chain, including producer, producer services, gatherer, processor, gas marketer and shipper, storage and pipeline operator, local distribution company and end user. The SolArc Natural Gas Solution consolidates the functions necessary to support the business requirements for each of the identified perspectives, to reflect how the individual works in each part of the value chain. This makes the tools intuitive and easy-to-learn for professionals to utilize in their day-to-day business.

Daily tasks such as running utilities or printing reports can be automatically scheduled by the user. Reporting results can be created in varying standard formats for distribution, and saved to be viewed at a later time. Users can be informed of finished reports and processes, credit exposure limits of their counterparties, or company-defined notifications such as system availability. These features allow the user to complete tasks in a highly efficient manner. Key features include:

- Customization capabilities that provide immediate return on investment. Within the solution users can customize the perspectives to fit their needs, extending to reporting and utility accessibility, and favorites lists, to fit individual requirements.
- The option to set up online user guides for repetitive or complicated tasks. These guides can be documented to create customized online help that provides answers and results.
- Extensive report writing capabilities embedded in the solution. User reports are automatically saved and subsequent access to the report can be given to peers.

Quality Assurance and Deployment

SolArc Quality Assurance (QA) and deployment functions are another key aspect of the Natural Gas technical framework. In addition to ensuring quality changes, automated system-wide regression and load testing are achieved by the SolArc technical, business analytical, and unit testing staff. Automated, result-based scripting performs man days of testing prior to and following packaging and deployment. A release is not distributed to clients until all QA tests are completed.





General Features

- Industry-proven design and capabilities
- International units for physical and monetary applications
- User-defined queries
- Import and export to spreadsheets
- Built-in report writer
 - E-mail traffic coordinator
 - Intuitive and easy-to-learn
 - Light computing footprint, resulting in significantly lower support and total cost of ownership than the competition
 - Multilateral security, including sign-on access protection against database updates via third-party tools, company-level security object-window level (no access, view only, add, edit, delete)
 - Available in client-server mode or via the Internet on Citrix systems

Other Specialized Perspective Features and Functionalities

Deal-making

SolArc's Natural Gas Solution features a highly configurable trader's desktop that includes the trade blotter and the summary market location balances. This allows the users to rapidly analyze positions associated with wellhead scheduled volumes through supply planning, and capture all types of physical, financial, and logistics transactions. Deal makers can use the trade blotter screen to authorize deal level validation. This feature provides users with real-time credit validation, in addition to the ability to purchase and process sales orders. The trade blotter provides quick-deal entry, drag and drop functionality, and replication features.

Gas control and scheduling

The SolArc solution offers advanced gas control and scheduling tools to help keep inventory costs as low as possible. Because all data are centrally stored, deals are

available for scheduling as soon as they are entered. This highly flexible and user-configurable perspective contains a product-control matrix or scheduler's cockpit. Schedulers are able to manage intra- and interstate nominations and confirmations, in addition to wellhead scheduling.

Accounting

Users are able to track accounts payable, accounts receivable, payments, invoicing and cash posting. A general ledger journal interface is included that allows for monitoring activities in accounts, and addresses discrepancies with counter parties in advance of final invoicing, reducing invoice errors and time spent on reconciliations. The solution interfaces seamlessly with accounting management systems such as SAP®, PeopleSoft,™ etc. Users are able to monitor inventory accounting, automatic prior period adjustments, and purchase, sale, and general sales taxes.

Business associates

SolArc's Solution for Natural Gas offers a source for all business associates and contract information. Included with all perspectives, this feature makes it easier to capture multiple names and addresses to efficiently maintain operating databases. Credit exposures and parameters are calculated and tracked from deal entry through invoice payment, with user messaging and alerts of potential and actual credit limit violations prior to deal activation.

Pricing and rates

SolArc offers advanced pricing and valuation tools for the unique pricing needs of all natural gas transactions. This module allows the flexibility to access price publications and supports price indices and pricing formulas.

Infrastructure

SolArc automatically manages and groups natural gas transactions into a customizable hierarchy of positions by facilities and stations. A "best available quantity" feature optimally selects among contractual paths.



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