Hooked on old methods of lifting tubulars?
Now there's a new, better way...STLS.

Drilltec's revolutionary lifting system makes previous lifting methods obsolete. STLS assures safer work conditions as well as eliminating the damage associated with current lifting methods.

STLS (Secure Tubular Lifting System) is another example of Drilltec's ongoing leadership in tubular goods protection.
This remarkable system eliminates the dangerous and often destructive methods currently used to lift tubulars. Instead, the durable Drilltec STLS sleeves fit securely around the pipe ends and a sling connects the sleeves. As the lift begins, STLS takes a firm grip on the tube ends, ensuring that they stay precisely in place while moving to or from a vessel, truck, dock, pipe rack or elsewhere. And STLS accomplishes this without any metal-to-metal contact.

Because STLS relies on sturdy nylon-polyester slings and polyethylene sleeves, the system is strong enough to complete lifts successfully without damaging pipe. More important, people in or near the lift area are protected from the dangers associated with current lifting methods. STLS has demonstrated the highest performance levels of success. It exceeds all significant safety standards, including those of API, by at least 400 percent.

Drilltec has combined its technology and experience to make this product the latest word in lifting systems.

Five standard STLS sleeve sizes ensure a solid fit for most tubular goods. No matter the place – a 125-degree site in the Middle East, an icy region in the North Sea or any other challenging location – STLS stands up to the challenge.

Tough as it is, STLS also takes up minimal space when space is at a premium.

Though this is the newest technology in Drilltec's array of tubular protection products, it has something in common with products that preceded it. STLS is available by phone, e-mail, fax or from Drilltec locations around the world.

Q&A
Q. Why should I use Secure Tubular Lifting System?
A. The main reason is safety. Using traditional methods often results in damage to tubular goods and, if there's an accident, anything else near the lifting area. Even worse, traditional methods put people at greater risk.

Q. You mean injury and death?
A. That's right. Drilltec developed STLS after personnel witnessed an accident that took the life of a worker when a hook, lifting tubulars, failed.

Q. But is this system safer than using hooks?
A. Absolutely. This system, when used correctly, did not experience a single failure during extensive testing.

Q. How does it work?
A. STLS sleeves fit securely around the tubular end. When slings begin to lift the tubulars, their weight works for safety, rather than against it, by further securing them into the system. STLS maintains its firm hold until the tubulars are exactly where they need to be placed.

Q. How durable is the system?
A. Drilltec designed the system to work well on rigs, offshore platforms, supply vessels and in pipeyards where extreme conditions are a way of life. The system stands up to harsh chemicals and punishing weather.

Q. What about different pipe diameters?
A. Drilltec offers STLS in five basic sizes – 2% to 4% inches, 6 to 7 inches, 7% to 9% inches, 10% to 11% inches and 13% inches. Those sizes fit most drill pipe, tubing, casing and line pipe diameters.

Q. Is STLS too expensive to be a solution for the entire oil industry?
A. Just the opposite. It's as cost-effective as it is safe and easy to use. The economy goes beyond original cost, too. Using STLS can mean less damage, more time saved and even lower insurance cost. Most important, it keeps people safe.