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France

**INDUSTRY :** Nuclear Energy

END PRODUCT :

Cooling System Exploitation

View of the Georges Besse enrichment plant of Eurodif

EURODIF is an Enrichment Plant of uranium. It produces fuel enriched Uranium 235 from Uranium 238, for the Nuclear Power Plants of **E.D.F** [Electricity **D**e (of) France]. It is the second biggest plant in the world, behind the Paducah plant in the U.S.A, and ahead of Yekaterinburg in Russia.

In September 2001 they asked K.S.B Service – Repair Shop Centre of Aix en Provence

(South of France), a solution to eliminate the oil leakage from bearing housing, due to the using of elastomer lip seal.

K.S.B Service proposed the installation of two Inpro/Seal Bearing Isolator, type VBX 0.900 – CODE 1900.

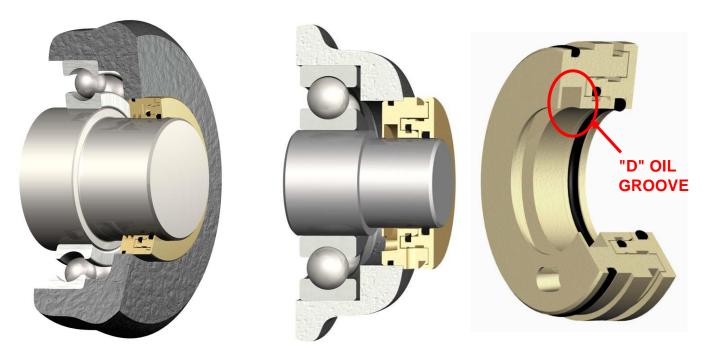






Just after the pump started, a very small oil leakage appeared on coupling end. The VBX 0.900 were replaced by the new VBXX-D – CODE 1987 DESIGN.

With the "D" OIL GROOVE the result was perfect: ZERO OIL LEAKAGE.



VBX 0.900 - CODE 1900

<u>VBXX-D – CODE 1987</u>

A second pump has been installed in September 2002. And a program of generalisation will be settled.

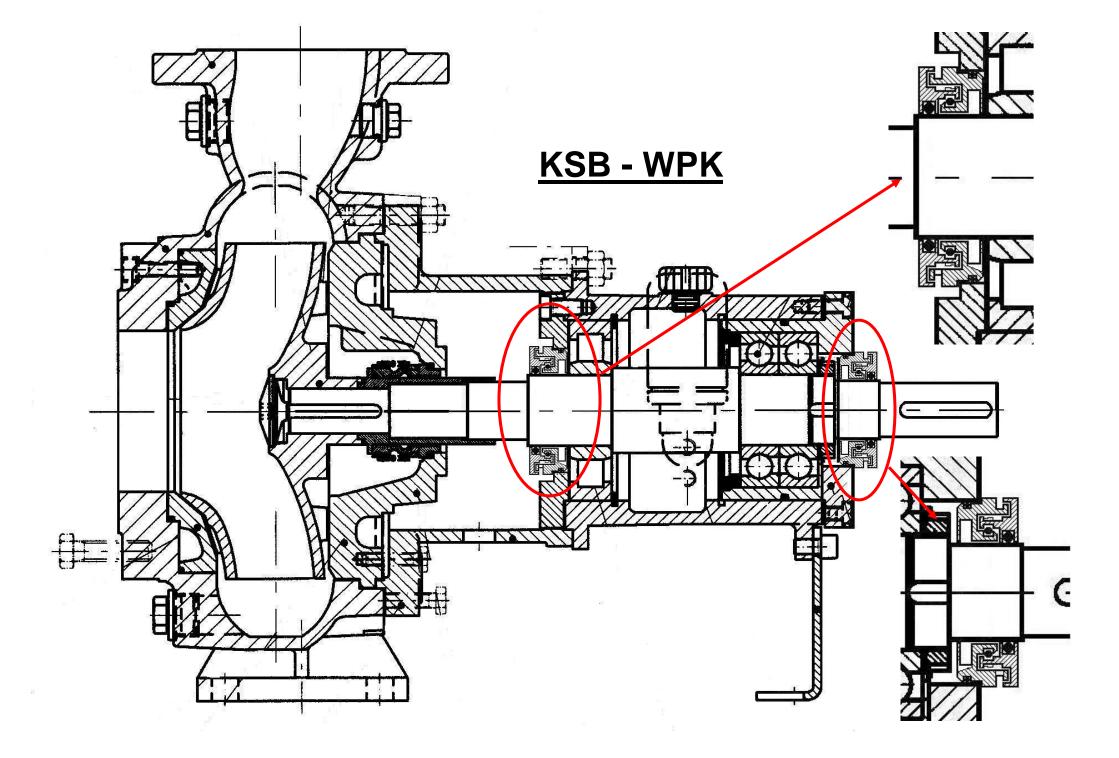
**TECHNICAL DETAILS :** 

**Manufacturer** : K.S.B, pump type WPK 350-500



**Shaft size** : Ø 115 mm & 120 mm

Inpro B.I : VBXX-D 0.900 – CODE 1987 – 1987-A-08314-5. VBXX-D 0.900 – CODE 1987 – 1987-A-01107-5.



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