

# CASE STUDY | HRT & HRN

## Nuclear Power Plant: Steam Turbine Inner Casing Closure

### PROVIDING

- Greater loads within restricted footprints
- Shortened turnaround times
- Easy adaptation for retrofitting to studs not extending above nuts



HYDRAULIC ROD TENSIONER (HRT) AND HYDRAULIC ROD NUT (HRN) - HRT SECTION AND ASSEMBLED VIEWS

### PROBLEM

1. Insufficient loading using conventional torquing methods caused warped flanges
2. Leakage between stages due to gap between flanges (known as "smile")
3. Labor-intensive operations led to over-budgeted turnarounds
4. Contaminants in the steam path

### SOLUTION

1. Simultaneous tensioning of studs provided precise loading allowing full flange closure
2. Developed sufficient clamping to overcome warping of inner casing
3. Labor hours drastically reduced – turnaround reduced by one month
4. Water-charged hydraulic nuts eliminated contamination concerns

