

# PRESS NEWS



## Big spheres delivered to Sri Lanka

*During the Autumn of 1996 Deform manufactured building kits for 1 cylindrical and 4 spherical tanks for LPG (Liquified Petroleum Gas) via a customer in Holland to an oil company plant in Sri Lanka.*

The spheres had a diameter of 20.6 metres and each weighed 575 tons, inclusive of the leg bases which were welded into position. Each sphere comprised 66 shaped plates in high tensile steel with a thickness of 45-60 mm. The total production time was around 5 months. The total time from order to final delivery was 8 months. Our job included everything from purchase of plate, manufacturing, final control (together with external inspection company) to purchase of sea freight. The customer had only to receive the material at the site and assemble the tanks. That's what we call service! Thanks to good planning and a flexible workforce we were able to meet this very tight delivery time. In spite of the fact that the customer had his own design he chose the alternative suggested by Deform as this gave big savings to all parties involved. This shows our competence when selling a good technical solution.

This order was a breakthrough for us and a very good reference for export markets as we have shown that we can handle orders of this size, both price, financing and prefabrication and delivery.



*Segments ready for transportation.*



*Assembly of a spherical tank.*