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PRESS RELEASE

**TMK launches production of casing pipe with unique [TMK UP CENTUM](#) threaded connections**

TMK, one of the world's leading producers of tubular products for the oil and gas industry, has become the first Russian manufacturer to start the production of casing pipe with unique [TMK UP CENTUM](#) threaded connections. TMK is currently the only manufacturer of pipe with such connections. The Company shipped the first batch of the new product to NOVATEK's Arctic LNG 2 project. The pipes were successfully sunk at the Salmanovskoye (Utrenneye) oil and gas condensate field with the involvement of TMK supervisors.

[TMK UP CENTUM](#) is the latest generation of gas-tight premium threaded connections for casing pipe featuring innovative design. It is the most recent offer within the line of [TMK UP](#) premium connections. The connection is certified to ISO 13679 CAL IV, the highest international industry standard for premium threaded connections, and demonstrates 100% tension and compression efficiency. The connection strength equals the pipe strength, considerably increasing the reliability of a pipe string during construction of wells with complex configurations. TMK offers a full range of after-sales services to support the new connections, the production of which has already been launched at TMK Group's entities.

"TMK has once again confirmed its position as a technology leader in the domestic pipe industry. Only a handful of companies globally can manufacture such connections and provide full after-sales support. We maintain strong performance by offering unique and exceptionally reliable products to our domestic and foreign customers," said Sergey Chikalov, Vice President for Technical Sales and Innovation at TMK.

In 2016, TMK's share in the premium threaded connections segment of the Russian market reached 76%. For more information on [TMK UP](#) premium connections, visit the dedicated website at <http://www.tmkup.com/>.

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*For further information regarding TMK, please, visit [www.tmk-group.com](http://www.tmk-group.com) as well as download the YouTube iPad application from the App Store <https://itunes.apple.com/ru/app/yourtube/id516074932?mt=8&ls=1>*

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**TMK** ([www.tmk-group.com](http://www.tmk-group.com))

TMK (LSE: TMKS) is a leading global manufacturer and supplier of steel pipes for oil and gas industry, operating more than 25 production assets in the United States, Russia, Canada, Romania, Oman and Kazakhstan with two R&D centers in Russia and the USA. In 2016, TMK's pipe shipments totaled 3.46 million tonnes. The largest share of TMK's sales belongs to high margin oil country tubular goods (OCTG), shipped to customers in over 80 countries. TMK delivers its products along with an extensive package of services in heat treating, protective coating, premium connections threading, warehousing and pipe repairing.

TMK's securities are listed on the London Stock Exchange, the OTCQX International Premier trading platform in the U.S. and on the Moscow Exchange MICEX-RTS.

*TMK's assets structure by division:*

- Russian division:
  - Volzhsky Pipe Plant;
  - Seversky Tube Works;
  - Taganrog Metallurgical Works;
  - Sinarsky Pipe Plant;
  - TMK-CPW;
  - TMK-Kaztrubprom;
  - TMK-INOX;
  - TMK Oilfield Services.
- American division:
  - 12 plants of TMK IPSCO;
  - TMK Completions.
- European division:
  - TMK-ARTROM;
  - TMK-RESITA.
- Middle East Division:
  - TMK GIPI (Oman).

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