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**PRESS RELEASE**

## **TMK Premium Connection Successfully Tested for Horizontal Well Applications**

TMK, one of the world's top three oil and gas pipe producers, today announces that its TMK-GF premium casing connection series was successfully tested for horizontal oil and gas well applications.

TMK-Premium Service, a division of TMK specialising in the production and supply of premium connections to the oil and gas sector, tested the high-performance GF casing connection series at Novatek's Sterkhovoye field in the Yamal-Nenets Autonomous Region.

Produced at TMK's TAGMET R&D centre, the TMK-GF connections encountered pressures of 190 atmospheres during casing operations in the well and retained excellent gas tightness under high bending loads.

TMK-GF is a Premium connection with extra gas tightness properties used for the construction and operation of highly-deviated and horizontal wells and especially designed for application in corrosive environments. As demonstrated during testing, its metal-to-metal seal offered excellent gas tightness, even under the most severe stresses, and seal integrity was maintained even after numerous make-ups and break-outs.

In addition to the TMK-GF series, TMK-Premium Services produces TMK-PF, TMK-FMC, TMK-TTL, and TMK-CS Premium casing connections and TMK-FMT Premium tubing connections.

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

Founded in 2001, TMK (LSE: TMKS) is the largest pipe producer in Russia and one of the three global market leaders.

In 2007, TMK shipped over 3 million tonnes of pipes. TMK supplies to companies in more than 60 countries.

TMK production facilities are located in Russia, the United States, Romania and Kazakhstan

- Volzhsky Pipe Plant
- Seversky Tube Works



- Taganrog Metallurgical Works
- Sinarsky Pipe Plant
- TMK IPSCO
- TMK-Resita SA
- TMK-Artrom SA
- TMK-Kaztrubprom
- TMK Oilfield Services
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