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**Press Release**

## **TMK Supplies the Central Karakum-Yylanly Pipeline**

TMK, one of the world's leading producers of oil and gas pipes, announces today that it began shipments of longitudinal welded large-diameter pipes to Turkmengaz State Concern for the Central Karakum-Yylanly compressor station pipeline.

More than 28,000 tonnes of 720mm K55 pipe with 8mm wall thickness will be shipped between May and August 2009. The pipes will be delivered with external anticorrosion coating, which improves reliability and increases lifespan.

The pipeline will run from the Central Karakum gas deposit to the Yylanly compressor station in the Dashoguz province, connecting gas fields in Turkmenistan's desert region with the republic's network and the Central Asia-Center gas pipeline system. TMK was chosen as sole supplier of pipes for this project.

TMK (LSE: TMKS) is the largest pipe producer in Russia and one of the three global market leaders. [www.tmk-group.com](http://www.tmk-group.com)

In 2008, TMK shipped over 3.2 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

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