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Press Release

TMK's Premium Connections passed tests for 100% gas-tightness

TMK, one of the world's leading producers of tubular products for the oil and gas industry, announces that tests of TMK PF ET premium connections have been successfully conducted at Oil States Industries international testing center (Aberdeen, UK).

The tests were aimed at determining whether the design could maintain gas-tightness under the application of total compression force. During the tests these connections were subjected to both internal and external pressure, tension and compression.

The TMK PF ET design was developed for use in horizontal wells and wells with significant torque and compression pressure.

"Passing these tests at Oil States Industries international testing center places TMK in the league of premium connections global brands. The latest world best practice approach to designing and producing premium connections for oil and gas pipe is to secure their gas-tightness under heavy force applied during operation of the pipe column," said Alexander Shiryayev, TMK CEO. "And TMK, as a global supplier of these products, is following this trend, ensuring the highest quality of its gas tight connections."

TMK (www.tmk-group.com)

TMK is a leading global manufacturer and supplier of steel pipes for the oil and gas industry, operating 24 production sites in the United States, Russia, Romania and Kazakhstan and two R&D centres in Russia and the USA. In 2011, TMK's pipe shipments totaled 4.23 million tonnes. The largest share of TMK's sales belongs to high margin oil country tubular goods (OCTG), shipped to customers in 85 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 ordinary shares are listed on Russia's major stock exchange – MICEX-RTS. Its GDRs are traded on the London Stock Exchange, and its ADRs – on the OTCQX International Premier trading platform in the U.S.

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