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Press Release

TMK Starts Commercial Production of Super-Chrome Steel Seamless Pipe with Premium Connections

TMK, one of the world's leading producers of tubular products for the oil and gas industry, started production of casing made of super-chrome steel. The pipes, manufactured for Gazprom, are threaded with TMK GF premium connections.

Pipes made from 13-Chrome steel have unique mechanical characteristics that allow them to be used in a variety of aggressive environments in the most difficult oil and gas fields, also as substitutes for more expensive pipes made from stainless steel.

TMK GF premium connections are used in directional wells and ensure a high level of gas-tightness in the pipe string under difficult conditions such as bending, compression, tension, and high torque.

TMK's super-chrome casing has been shipped to Gasprom and has got positive assessment from the gas monopoly.

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.

TMK's production assets structure:

- Russian division:
 - Volzhsky Pipe Plant;
 - Seversky Tube Works;
 - Taganrog Metallurgical Works;
 - Sinarsky Pipe Plant;
 - TMK-Kaztrubprom.
- American division:
 - 11 plants of TMK IPSCO.
- European division:
 - TMK-ARTROM;
 - TMK-RESITA.
- TMK-INOX;
- TMK-Premium Service;
- TMK Oilfield Services.



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