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Press Release

TMK Implements New Technology of Lubricant-Free Coating for Threaded Connections

TMK has implemented a new technology of lubricant-free coating for threaded connections – Green Well. Casing pipes with TMK PF premium connections and the innovative coating were used for assembling casing columns run into the wells at Rosneft's Vankorskoye field.

The Green Well lubricant-free technology offers considerable advantages over alternative solutions. It ensures pressure-tightness of the casing columns without using thread-sealing lubricants which reduces the sinking preparation time by eliminating thread cleaning. The latter is required before applying the lubricants. Reducing preparation time as a result of implementing the lubricant-free technology helps oil and gas producers cut overall production costs. In addition, the Green Well lubricant-free coating complies with all the environmental standards and guarantees safer operating conditions.

"Oil and gas companies have very special requirements to the quality of pipes used in challenging climate and geological conditions, and our New Product Development Programme meets all of them," says Sergei Bilan, TMK's Vice President for Premium Products and Services. "One of the most promising areas for us is creating new premium products with lubricant-free coating. Lubricant-free pipe columns are the technology of the future given the environmental friendliness and high performance of the new coating. The launch of these innovations opens up new opportunities for us in bidding for contracts of Rosneft and other Russian and international oil and gas majors."

For further information regarding TMK please visit www.tmk-group.com or download the YouTube iPad application from the App Store <https://itunes.apple.com/ru/app/youtube/id516074932?mt=8&ls=1>

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TMK (LSE: TMKS) is a leading global manufacturer and supplier of steel pipes for the oil and gas industry, operating 28 production sites in the United States, Russia, Canada, Romania, Oman, UAE, and Kazakhstan and two R&D centers in Russia and the USA. In 2012, TMK's pipe shipments totaled 4.22 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 production assets structure:

- Russian division:
 - Volzhsky Pipe Plant;
 - Seversky Tube Works;
 - Taganrog Metallurgical Works;
 - Sinarsky Pipe Plant;
 - TMK-CPW;
 - TMK-Kaztrubprom;
 - TMK-INOX;
 - TMK-Premium Service;
 - TMK Oilfield Services.
- American division:
 - 12 plants of TMK IPSCO;
 - OFS International LLC.
- European division:
 - TMK-ARTROM;
 - TMK-RESITA.
- Middle East Division:
 - TMK GIPI (Oman);
 - Threading & Mechanical Key Premium LLC (Abu-Dhabi).

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