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**PRESS RELEASE**

## **TMK Ships LD Pipes for BTS-2 and ESPO-2 Projects**

TMK, one of the world's leading manufacturers of steel pipes for the oil and gas sector, announces today that it began shipments of longitudinal welded large-diameter pipe to Transneft for the construction of the second phase of the Baltic Pipeline System (BTS-2).

TMK will supply more than 52,000 tonnes of Volzhsky 1,020mm and 1,067mm longitudinal welded pipes between November 2009 and October 2010. The pipes will be supplied in K52, K56 and K60 grades with anticorrosion coating and will have wall thickness of 11mm, 12mm and 13mm.

TMK is also participating in the first stage of the Eastern Siberia Pacific Ocean phase-2 (ESPO-2) oil pipeline. The Company will supply 107,000 tonnes of Volzhsky 1,020mm and 1,067mm longitudinal welded large-diameter pipes in K56 and K60 grades with wall thickness of 12mm and 14mm. The pipes will be supplied with anticorrosion coating. Shipments are scheduled to span from January to October 2010.

TMK (LSE: TMKS) is one of the world's top three producers of steel pipes for the oil and gas sector.

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In 2008, TMK shipped over 3.2 million tonnes of pipes and supplied companies in more than 65 countries.

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

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- Seversky Tube Works
- Taganrog Metallurgical Works
- Sinarsky Pipe Plant
- TMK IPSCO
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