

SERGEI STEPASHIN SAYS THE DETERIO- RATION OF UTILITY NETWORKS IN RUSSIA IS OVER 60%

According to Sergei Stepashin, Chair of the Auditing bodies of the Russian Federation (AKSOR), and of the National Audit Chamber of Russia, the deterioration of Russian utility networks has reached 60%. This is due to ineffective management and a lack of transparency from housing and utility companies in relation to the costs and expenditure on capital construction and renovation, as well as the utility tariffs. In his speech at the AKSOR meeting in Ufa on 6 June, Stepashin underlined that the utility sector has specific regional and local requirements therefore control over spending should be done by all the levels of auditing bodies.

Commenting on the initial results from monitoring and analysis of the condition of the utilities, Stepashin noted that the sector has a number of problems which have been systematically left unresolved for decades. He stated that loopholes in the existing legislation limit effective problem-solving in the housing and utility sectors.

Stepashin also raised a number of points regarding the control of funding and expenditure from the Housing and Utility Reform Foundation. He believes an agreement between AKSOR and the Foundation will stimulate reform in the housing and utility sectors and form the foundation for effective management going forward.

The preliminary results of the detailed audit of the condition and development of the utility and housing sector are expected in October of current year.

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PE100+ ASSOCIATION GETS A RUSSIAN FOCUS



For the first time, Russian PE pipe manufacturers were invited to participate in the Consulting Council of International PE100+ Association meeting held in Prague in June 2012.

POLYPLASTIC Group is the largest manufacturer of PE pipes in Russia and CIS countries. CEO, Miron Gorilovsky, and head of logistics and purchasing, Kirill Trusov, were invited to discuss ways to broaden the application of modern PE pipe grades and maximize opportunities for the region.

During the meeting, the POLYPLASTIC Group representatives presented a report on the introduction of the PE 100+ Association into Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and Kazakhstan and suggested some exciting new product development ideas to the Council.

Inviting Russian PE pipe manufacturers to take part in the meeting is a clear acknowledgement of the growing importance of the Russian market. It is also recognition of the development potential of the region for European manufacturers and suppliers of PE pipes.

The POLYPLASTIC Group and the PE 100+ Association agreed to continue to work together to build global awareness of the capabilities offered in Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and Kazakhstan. Both parties are now actively seeking new ways to engage with PE pipe market players and customers and support PE pipe grade production around the world.

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