

# ROSVODOKANAL'S FIRST TECHNOLOGY FORUM

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ROSVODOKANAL's first technology forum for Russian and foreign water supply and disposal equipment suppliers was held on 23–24 August 2013 in Orenburg. Suppliers and contractors from the industrial centres of Russia and foreign technology companies presented a full range of equipment and services for the modern high-performance water supply and disposal industry.

ROSVODOKANAL is carrying out a full-scale utilities modernisation programme in Orenburg, Voronezh, Tver, Krasnodar, Omsk, Barnaul, and Tyumen with over 15.5 billion rubles of investments. The implementation of new technologies and best international practice are the major drivers of effective solutions.

"The technology forum gives the chance of direct dialogue with a wide range of equipment suppliers, some of which are industry leaders, and are well-known globally. Our goal is to completely switch to top quality equipment with a minimum service-life of 50 years. Partnership with the leading suppliers will help to achieve this goal", said Stanislav Khramenkov, Technical Director of ROSVODOKANAL.

POLYPLASTIC Group has represented PE pipes producers. Recent acquisition of Subterra, the leader of trenchless pipe rehabilitation technologies, offers top-level integrated solutions to the customers.

The exhibition was held at the Orenburg Vodokanal training ground where participants demonstrated their products.

POLYPLASTIC Group products inspired great interest, particularly the





multi-layer pipes which have become widespread throughout Europe. The POLYPLASTIC Group successfully implements forward-looking practices and is the only company in Russia to produce multi-layer pipes on an industrial scale.

Specialists from the POLYPLASTIC Group made a multi-layer PE pipe welding demonstration and answered questions from industry professionals.

One interesting episode during the demonstration really surprised the audience... The newest heavy-duty motor saw, designed for reinforced concrete and cast-iron pipes (with a special chain and a water jet at the cutting area) was unable to cut through Multi-pipe II made of PE 100RC. The saw chain just slipped on the pipe leaving slight scratches, despite all the best efforts of the operator, who had previously been cutting through tough reinforced concrete blocks, steel and cast-iron with ease.

A skills competition for utility industry professionals was held during the Forum. 150 participants from 7 teams demonstrating their high-level professional skills in emergency repair and installation works. The only significant disadvantage of the competition was the absence of any modern plastic pipes and fittings. The specialists from the POLYPLASTIC Group will update the programme accordingly for future contestants.

