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POLYPLASTIC GROUP HAS ACQUIRED ITALSOVMONT PE PIPES PLANT

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POLYPLASTIC Group, the largest producer of plastic pipes and composite materials in Russia and CIS has expanded its presence in the south of the country by acquiring Italsovmont PE pipes plant in Volzhskiy, Volgograd Region.

Italsovmont Italy-Russian joint venture was founded in 1989. Initially the company was involved in production and installation of metal work. In 2009 the plant bought new equipment and changed its specialisation to production of HDPE gas and water pipes.

With two Austrian hi-tech Cincinnati Extrusion GmbH lines and Italian auxiliary equipment the plant can guarantee European quality at competitive price. All produce is GOST R certified.

The company has implemented an automatic raw materials consumption system which eliminates the influence of human factor, saves raw material and accounts for scrap in

full volume. The system also keeps track of operation and stand-by times and on-line monitoring of main parameters of pipe production.

Moreover, the company has implemented a new sales system which splits traditional sales department into several levels. This helped to improve sales and the quality of customer services, as well as increase loyalty of the personnel.

Tatiana Felde, General Director of Italsovmont LLC: "We are glad to become a part of the largest alliance of PE pipes producers in Russia. This is certainly a new stage for our company. POLYPLASTIC Group manufactures a wide range of products and its sales geography is vastly spread all around our country and beyond its borders. This deal opens wide prospects and a possibility to contribute in the future success of the Group".

RADIUS SYSTEMS AWARDED RUNNERS UP PRIZE AT LIONS' LAIR EVENT

Radius Systems showcased their innovative range of polyethylene pipe insertion for metallic mains offering in a Dragons' Den inspired contest, the Lions' Lair, an event jointly organised by IGEM and the Pipeline Industries Guild (PIG).

Four of the event sponsors were invited to give a four minute pitch on their company's new and innovative products and services to a group of distinguished judges: Adam Gosnold, executive director of Morrison Utility Services, Robert Murray, sector director of Skanska Utilities and Michael Caulfield, director gas at McNicholas Construction. Peter Jellis, Radius Systems gas coordinator, presented Radius's 17.5 mm pipe system and ServiFlex, a range of metallic pipe relining solutions for the renovation of ¾", 1", and 2" gas services.

ServiFlex is Radius Systems' ground-breaking twin-wall flexible polyethylene pipe liner, exclusively designed for insertion operations of 1" and 2" gas metallic service pipes. Its flexibility simplifies the renovation operations of gas

service pipes as the PE pipe can be pushed through short radius bends without the need for excavation and with minimal disruption to customers. The development of their 17.5 mm polyethylene pipe system complements their offering and delivers considerable cost and installation benefits for the renovation of ¾" metallic pipes.

Peter Jellis, who was presented with the runners up prize by Cheryl Burgess, director general of the PIG and Steve McNicholas, compliance director of McNicholas Construction commented: "I am delighted to receive this prize on behalf of Radius Systems. As a manufacturer, we've always been dedicated to improving the gas plastic piping industry through innovative solutions, and it is good to see our work rewarded."

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