



Assuring reliable and safe operation of the Russian oil and gas transport pipelines systems is one of the priority tasks faced by fuel and energy companies. Resolving this task is inseparable from the quality of corrosion protection equipment, materials and technology.

In view of the large-scale projects such as ESPO pipeline, NEGP, Sakhalin and Shtokman implemented by Russia's leading companies such as OJSC AK Transneft and OJSC Gazprom and also in view of Russia's plans to join WTO, the Russian companies shall comply with the international norms and standards on the corrosion services market.

June 2008, a Non-Commercial Partnership «Cooperation in Implementing the Programs for Introduction of Innovative Corrosion Protection Technologies in Oil and Gas Industry» (NP «SOPCOR») was formed by several leading oil and gas companies, including the RF Academy for Technological Science, Russian State Oil and Gas University named after I. Gubkin, OJSC VNIIST, NP «National Gas Motors Association» and with the support from OJSC Gazprom.

The main objectives of the Partnership are as follows:

- Form a legal regulatory framework and a system of technical norms and standards to assure wide use of corrosion protection equipment and services;
- Contribute to the improvement of quality of the services and equipment and thus to an increased competitiveness of Russian products;
- Protect the interests of Russian equipment manufacturers and services providers.

Participation in the Partnership is an opportunity to take active part in achieving high quality of corrosion protection products, works and services in oil and gas industry and assuring that the Russian companies play a leading role on this market, given the undisputed leadership of Russia in natural gas and oil production activities.

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