

## New Director in MMK-METIZ



Alexander Mukhin has become the director of JSC MMK-METIZ since December 1st. Before, he was the chief of technical department of PJSC “Magnitogorsk Iron and Steel Works”.

The CEO of PJSC MMK Pavel Shilyaev noted: “This appointment is the indisputable evidence of high professionalism of Mr. Mukhin. The accumulated experience, intimate professional knowledge and ability to manage large teams will allow him to competently set working priorities and will provide the necessary level of performance of production and commercial tasks on the new responsible position”.

Oleg Shiryaev had been a director of JSC MMK-METIZ since September, 2013. Since December 1, 2018 he has been appointed to the position of production deputy CEO of PJSC MMK.

## The Plant “MMK-Metiz” Presented Fasteners Released on the New Equipment

At the plant “MMK-Metiz” an investment program is actively implemented. This year, in order to expand the production of self-tapping screws, the equipment of Taiwanese manufacturers was put into operation: cold heading machines, thread rolling machines, a machine for forming a drill and a packaging line. The new complex for the production of self-tapping screws with a total capacity of over 1.2 thousand tons per year allowed:

- to produce self-tapping screws with length from 76 mm to 152 mm;
- to master the production of screws for window profile, self-cutting screws with a hemispherical head and a press washer (including pin-tip), universal screws and driving screws for a plastic dowel.

New products in the full range were presented at the “MMK-Metiz” stand at the exhibition Metal-Expo 2018 held in Moscow on November, 13-16.

In 2019 “MMK-Metiz” plans to acquire a complex of cold heading and thread rolling machines from the company Jern Yao for the production of M16-M24 bolts with a capacity of over 18 thousand tons per year.

## Oryol Steel Rolling Plant Launches New Equipment for Production of High-strength Fasteners

The grand opening of the third thermohardening unit by San Yung took place on November 2 at the Oryol Steel Rolling Plant (OSPAZ LLC).

This year, the plant has successfully implemented an investment program for the development of the production of high-strength fasteners. In the frame of this program, the company invested about 140 million rubles in the purchase of new equipment. Already at the end of October, the third thermohardening unit by San Yung was commissioned. As a result, the Oryol Steel Rolling Plant can increase the production of high-strength fasteners to 400 tons per month.

The opening ceremony of the thermohardening unit was visited by Deputy Governor of the Oryol Region Vadim Tarasov and Head of the Department of Industry and Trade of the Region



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Gennady Parakhin. Vadim Tarasov expressed the confidence that the newest equipment allows the enterprise to gain a competitive advantage and conquer new markets.

In 2018 OSPAZ continued to expand the range of products. In particular, the production of bolts M20x205-240 mm according to GOST R ISO 4014-2013, M24-M30x105-160 mm according to GOST R ISO 4017-2013 was mastered.

High-strength fasteners of OSPAZ LLC were used at the construction of sports facilities for the Olympics in Sochi and for the 2018 World Cup.

## The Subject of Anchor Fasteners is Introduced into the Curriculum of Students of Higher Educational Institutions



The participants of the Fixing Union (Union of Manufacturers and Suppliers of Fixing Systems) have initiated an introduction to the curriculum for classes on the topic “Anchorage” at educational universities in Russia. In the Moscow State Construction University, lectures on anchor fasteners are held as a part of the course of reinforced concrete structures. At St. Petersburg State University of Construction, students perform laboratory work related to the testing of various anchors.

The members of Fixing Union are currently directly involved in the development of new curricula and topics for possible research works on the basis of educational institutions.

## Leroy Merlin Intends to Double the Market Share in Russia

By 2022, DIY-retailer Leroy Merlin intends to increase its share in the Russian DIY market to 26%. At the end of 2017, the network estimated its share in the home goods and repair market at 12.6%; thus, in more than three years, Leroy Merlin intends to increase it more than twice.

In absolute terms, the retailer plans to increase its revenue in Russia from 272 billion rubles in 2017 to 558 billion in 2021. While the network of Leroy Merlin outlets in Russia numbers 88 hypermarkets, two more outlets will be opened by the end of the year. Plans for 2019 - opening of 22 stores. Earlier it was also reported that DIY-network intends to



increase the share of the Russian goods in the range from 55% to 70%. “This will happen within five years”, said Leroy Merlin East marketing director Philippe Mujeu at the Retail Strategy Forum in April this year. ■