



# Russian News

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## Technical Committee 375 for Standardization of "Metal Products Made from Ferrous Metals and Alloys" is Reorganized

By the order of Rosstandart No. 655 of March 27, 2019, a new Technical Committee 375 for standardization "Metal Products from Ferrous Metals and Alloys" was created. At the same time, according to the order, the Technical Committees "Methods of control of metal products", "Hardware", "Fasteners" are liquidated. The lists of standards related to the competence of the liquidated committees are assigned to the newly created Technical Committee.

The Technical Committee includes the following subcommittees:

- PK1 "Terminology, classification, designations"
- PK2 "Rolled products from alloyed and unalloyed steels"
- PK3 "Rolled products from high alloy steels and alloys. Rolled products from electrical steel"
- PK4 "Reinforcing rolled products for reinforced concrete structures"
- PK5 "Powder materials"
- PK6 "Methods of control of metal products"
- PK7 "Hardware and fasteners"

## Round Table "E-commerce in the B2B Market of Fasteners"

Within the framework of the business program of the Moscow international exhibition MITEX 2019, an expanded round table "E-commerce in the B2B fastener market" will be held.



The purpose of the round table is to gather representatives of the leading Russian fastener companies-suppliers and to discuss the way that they managed to go in the field of electronic commerce. The format of the meeting includes interviews with the leading participants on a number of key issues and subsequent joint discussion with the audience. The participants with experience in e-commerce will be pre-selected. The organizer of the round table is the Editorial Board of the magazine "Fasteners, adhesives, tools and...".

The Moscow International Exhibition of Tools, Equipment and Technologies MITEX, the central instrumental event in Russia, will be held in November, 2019 from November 5 to 8 at the EXPOCENTRE Fairgrounds in Pavilions No. 2 and No. 8.

## Soudal Has Invested €20 Million in Plant Construction

Soudal, the Belgian manufacturer of mounting foam and sealants, invested €20 million into the construction of a plant in Bogorodsk. The first Soudal plant in Russia will be open in 2020 at the territory of the Bogorodsk industrial park. "The total area of the new factory will be 40 thousand square meters", said the press service of the Ministry of Investment and Innovation of the Moscow region.

The planned production capacity of lines for the manufacture of foam will be 50 million gas cylinders per year. In addition at the plant there will be organized its own laboratory on quality control as well as a department for developing and testing new product formulas. In the future, the company plans to expand its production by launching a line of sealants and adhesives. At full capacity, the plant will provide jobs for about 350 people.

## The Ministry of Economy of Tatarstan Sponsored the Modernization of the Plant "Tekhnotron-Metiz"

The plant "Tekhnotron-Metiz" received a subsidy of 4.5 million rubles from the Ministry of Economy of Tatarstan. The money was allocated to modernize the production capacity of the plant. "Residents and companies of the industrial sites and parks of Tatarstan also can count on similar support", the press service of the Ministry of Economy of the Tatarstan Republic informs. "The main objective of the implementation of this program is to stimulate the modernization of production and expansion of the technical and technological capacities of small and medium businesses. In this case, we take all the interest on loans for the purchase of equipment or the construction of infrastructure on ourselves, thereby helping entrepreneurs to develop their potential in a shorter time" said Farid Abdulganiev, the Minister of Economy of Tatarstan.



## Fastener Businessmen Day in St. Petersburg

An important part of conferences, business seminars is informal communication, as a result of which new information, new contacts help business development. The participants of the Petersburg club of fastener suppliers decided to hold an extended meeting of fastener businessmen without unnecessary formalities.



Such meeting took place on June 19 in the center of St. Petersburg in a cozy Czech brewery. It was organized by Vyacheslav Tarasov (CKI group of companies) and Alexander Ostashov. They marked this event as "Fastener Businessmen Day". The leaders of 35 St. Petersburg companies, involved in the production and sale of fasteners, met for free communication and tasted branded beer. If the vacation time had not begun, there would have been more participants - this was shown by the responses to the invitations (about a hundred invitations to participants were sent before the meeting).

The meeting was filled with communication. It was indicative and "evidence" that in the hall, where the beer was brewed, people, passionate about their fastener business, gathered together. A blitz survey, conducted by the meeting organizers, fully confirmed this. All participants said that they were interested in such format of meetings. Some of the participants formulated their wishes on a list of the topics, actual for fastener businessmen, for future meetings and voiced their readiness to provide a meeting room.

## Severstal-metiz Produced the Record Amount of Screws



The Company produced 872 tons of various types of screws. The previous record of 788 tons was set in October 2018. Railway screws are widely used for the construction and repair of all types of railways and the underground.

"We achieved this record thanks to coordinated work of operators, mechanics and electricians. They constantly monitored the efficiency of the equipment, timely eliminated the causes of breakdowns and carried out work to prevent downtime. The teams for project development of the product area contributed to the record. They proposed measures that increased productivity," commented Sergey Kovryakov, CEO of Severstal-metiz.

Also, this year the Company celebrates its 15th anniversary. Severstal-metiz was established on July 1, 2004 as a management company for three plants: Cherepovets Steel Rolling Plant OJSC (Cherepovets), Orel Steel Rolling Plant OJSC (Orel), and VolgoMetiz LLC (Volgograd).

"Now Severstal-metiz is among the largest hardware companies in Russia. Our share in the domestic market is about 21%. And the product portfolio has over 100 thousand items. All these successes are due to a large team of Severstal-metiz employees, our partners and customers," says Sergey Kovryakov, Severstal-metiz CEO.



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## Metinvest Joins Dutch Association of the Metallurgical Industry (VNMI)

Metinvest B.V. (Netherlands), the parent company of Metinvest Group, the international vertically integrated group of steel and mining companies, has joined the Dutch Association of the Metallurgical Industry (VNMI).

The Dutch trade association of producers of raw materials, semi-finished products and finished metallurgical products was established in 2000. VNMI unites more than 80% of the players in the metallurgical industry of the Netherlands. The association represents Dutch steelmakers in European business associations in The Hague and Brussels. VNMI focuses on four areas: health and safety; energy and climate; sustainability and CSR; and trade and innovation.

Metinvest Group has been developing these areas since its inception. The Group supports global initiatives and participates in international environmental projects. In 2010, Metinvest joined the UN Global Compact.

Metinvest is also the first and only Ukrainian member of the World Steel Association (worldsteel), whose members represent around 85% of global steel production.

Yuriy Ryzhenkov, CEO of Metinvest Group: For Metinvest, Europe is a key market. We have four re-rolling plants there. We sell more than a third of our products in European countries. Joining VNMI is evidence that the Group operates in accordance with the best European business practices. Membership in the association will allow us to share our experience with other market players, as well as to participate in the development of new rules and requirements for metallurgy in EU countries.

## Belarus Steel Work Has a New CEO



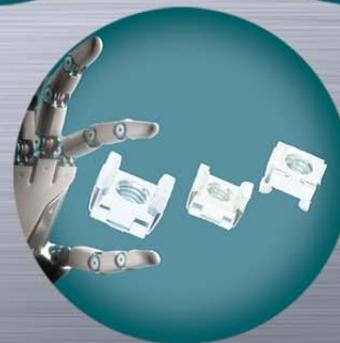
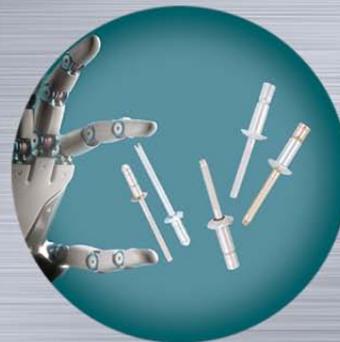
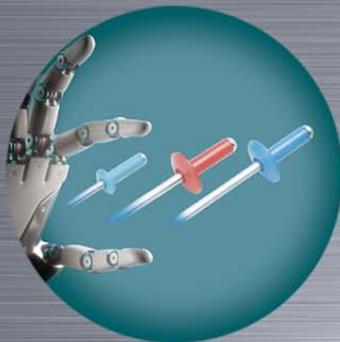
The new CEO of BSW is Dmitry Korchik. His appointment to this position was agreed by the President of the Republic of Belarus.

Dmitry Korchik has rich experience in the structure of the Ministry of Industry. He began his career as an apprentice turner. From 2002 to 2012 he worked in the central office of the Ministry of Industry, where at different times he had to deal with energy resources, foreign economic activity, and investment. Since 2012, Dmitry Korchik was a director for industrial and technical policy and development of OJSC "Borisov plant of automotive and tractor electrical equipment". Since March 2015, he was Deputy Minister of Industry of the Republic of Belarus.

"Dear colleagues," said Dmitry Korchik, "In any work, the most valuable thing for me is people. BSW has a professional and well-coordinated team. I believe that through dialogue we will make decisions that will allow the company to go forward and develop."



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