

# New Viessmann facility in Russia

IN OCTOBER 2015, STATE COMPANY LIPETSK EXPERTISE SIGNED A POSITIVE CONCLUSION FOR VISSMANN PROJECT POLAR BEAR, GIVING THE GREEN LIGHT TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THEIR NEW PRODUCTION FACILITY FOR BOILERS.

Viessmann is one of the leading international manufacturers of heating, industrial and refrigeration systems. Founded in 1917 in Germany, the family business maintains a staff of approximately 11,500 employees and generates 2,2 billion Euro in annual group turnover. Viessmann Werke, part of the Viessmann Group, started the construction of the production facility of boilers in Lipetsk Special Economic Zone (SEZ). This facility is the company's first in Russia. 'The reason for initiating the Polar Bear project is a strategic one, based on emerging markets in the Eastern region of Europe', says Mr. Johannes Kinkel, Project Leader of Viessmann, responsible for the construction part.

## Partners with western roots

The basic design was executed within three months by engineers from Tebodin's office in Rostov-on-Don. Mr. Kinkel: 'We wanted to cooperate with partners with western roots, taking several companies into account with presence in Russia. Already at first contact, we had a very good impression of the Tebodin team and our contact has grown to a really good

relationship of trust in a short time'. After finalizing the first stage of this project, the production area of Polar Bear of approximately 6,000 m<sup>2</sup> will have a production capacity of 300 boilers per year. The total land plot of 58,000 m<sup>2</sup> is foreseen for future expansion.

## Advantages of SEZ

The Lipetsk Special Economic Zone is located in the European part of Russia, in the heart of a major metal-working cluster. On the 1,024 ha plot of land SEZ factories produce steel, rolled ferrous materials, refrigerators and other household appliances. SEZ participators benefit of the advantages the Russian state provides for economic zones such as tax incentives, customs preferences, free connection to energy resources, and infrastructure. ■

