

## **Pipe and tube manufacturer TMK-Artrom SA Slatina, a reference point for Romanian metallurgical sector.**

### **CEO Adrian Popescu, a successful manager**

#### *Professional activity:*

- 1985 - 1988 - Trainee Engineer at Slatina Pipe Plant (TMK-Artrom today)
  - 1989 - 1990 - Engineer, Head of Maintenance Department, Chief Mechanic at Slatina Pipe Plant (TMK-Artrom today)
  - 1991 - Chief Engineer at Technological Upgrade Service at Artrom
  - February 1992 - September 1992 - Technical Manager at Artrom
  - 16 September 1992 - June 1998 - CEO and Chairman of Board of Directors at Artrom
  - June 1998 - April 1999 - CEO at SC L& IS Galati, AUSA Group
  - April 1999 - 2009 - CEO and Chairman of Board of Directors at TMK-Artrom
  - 2004 - 2009 - Chairman of Board of Directors at TMK-Resita
  - May 2009 - CEO and Chairman of Directors Comity at TMK-Artrom and TMK-Resita
  - May 2009 - CEO of European Division
- Currently, within TMK Group he also acts as Chairman of Board of Directors of TMK-Europe (Germany), TMK-Italia (Italy), TMK-Industrial Solutions (Houston USA).

Founded in 1982 as a state factory, Slatina pipe plant began production in 1988.

More than 35 years have passed since construction of the Slatina Pipe Plant began. That was also the birth of the first core of young workers, engineers and economists who took the fate of this factory into their hands, straight from the benches of the schools or colleges they graduated, or young people who only had practice experience in other factories. Times have changed, people came and left, but from that initial core, amongst the few that are also today in the company, is Adrian Popescu, who began his activity here as a trainee engineer in 1985. In the following years, Adrian Popescu occupied few positions within the factory, starting from Head of Maintenance Department to Technical Manager, until 1992 when he became CEO, position he hold for 25 years now.

In these years he gathered around him a solid and professional management team, united both in professional and personal activity. With them by his side, during these 25 years in the company, a group of exceptional people was formed, many of them dedicating their life to this factory. The young generation from 30 years ago, today the top management, promotes young valuable people in various management positions around them, building what will become over years the next management team.

All these people fought together along the years with many hardships but united in their dream in making Artrom an international name, they managed to save the company from bankruptcy and transform it through the investments they promoted within TMK Group, in what

has become today, namely one of the most important seamless steel pipe manufacturers for industrial applications in Europe, with a 200.000 tons/year capacity.

Since 2006, TMK-Artrom joined to the international family of TMK Group, one of the largest steel pipe manufacturers in the world. This joining process was accompanied by an intense and dynamic investments program oriented towards modernizing production capacities and developing a unique pipe manufacturing complex of high quality which would satisfy the high standards of clients. The total value of investments from TMK Group in Romanian companies (TMK-Artrom and TMK-Resita) totals hundreds of millions euro, only this year having invested in TMK-Artrom about 40 million in a new heat treatment line. The purpose of this investment is to allow TMK-Artrom to continue to make competitive, high quality products, to extend its reach in new industrial application fields with high added value products.

TMK-Artrom currently provides in Slatina direct work places for more than 1350 people, manufacturing seamless carbon steel, low and medium alloy steel pipes for industrial applications such as: mechanical pipes, boilers pipe for high and low temperature uses, pipes for automotive industry, for petrol and gas industry, pipes for hydraulic cylinders, etc. About 80% of TMK-Artrom's output is delivered outside Romania to European Union countries, but also in USA, Canada, Russia, Brazil, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Morocco, Egypt, etc.

TMK-Artrom is the leader company and the headquarter of TMK European Division, which comprises also TMK-Resita, TMK-Europe (Germany), TMK-Italia (Italia) as well USA based subsidiary from Houston, TMK-Industrial Solutions, through which TMK-Artrom sells in America all industrial pipes produced in TMK Group.

***TMK-Artrom employees would like to take this opportunity to thank Adrian Popescu, CEO of TMK-Artrom and his management team, for the long lasting faith he had this company and its people, for the continuous effort invested in its development and for turning this company into what today we can consider be "a success for Romanian metallurgy" and sincerely congratulates him for his remarkable career in this field!***