



EDITORS NOTE

Dear Readers,

Welcome to issue 6 of PowerTec Russia Magazine, Russia's preeminent power generation magazine.

I have one word for you right now – EFFICIENCY. Russia has the 4th largest need for generated power in the world and the ageing power stations are struggling to meet demand, especially during peak times. Demand is set to grow exponentially over the coming years so the need to both increase efficiency, while at the same time increase power output, are essential.

We start off with the Siberian Generating Company, with a great article that focuses on their investment program aimed at modernizing and upgrading a number of their assets in order, you guessed it, to increase efficiency and power output. Combined heat and power has always been big in Russia and SGK's CHP plants are certainly in for a major overhaul.

Following this is an exclusive interview with Andrey Vagner, First Deputy Director of IES Holdings. He talks about the maintenance of foreign turbines being a current challenge in Russia due to what he sees as a lack of after sales service, but also discusses the shortcomings of Russian designers due, in part, to their lack of experience over recent years. He raises some very interesting points and this interview is well worth a read. Please turn to page 12.

Another major player in the Russian Energy market, EuroSibEnergo, is also a willing participant in the great Russian efficiency debate. In their article they talk about their specific investment plan for both

generation and distribution, and how they see the market developing over the coming years. What is clear to see from all of these pieces is that the major operators in the market place are clear about what needs to be done to improve this important market. Investment in the latest technologies, education, a clear strategy and attention to detail are all current industry buzz words.

I hope you all enjoy this issue and, as always, welcome your feedback.

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