

March 25, 2014 at 11.00 am EET

## OUTOKUMPU DELIVERS 22 000 TONNES OF DUPLEX TO NATURAL GAS FIELD PROJECT IN OMAN

Outokumpu delivers 22 000 tonnes of Outokumpu Duplex 2205 stainless steel to a natural gas field project in Oman. Deliveries will start during the first half of 2014 and continue until 2016.

"This is the largest single project in duplex stainless steel that Outokumpu has ever won. Outokumpu is the world leader in duplex stainless steel, and over the years we have supplied to a number of natural gas projects also in Oman. Duplex 2205 is ideally suited for this type of project because its excellent corrosion and mechanical properties perfectly match the untreated sour natural gas typically found in this area," comments Mats Benson, Vice President, Sales at Outokumpu.

Material from Outokumpu will be welded to tubes by Sosta and Inox Tech. Sosta is a major manufacturer of welded stainless steel pipe, focusing on oil and gas market worldwide, and its pipes are used for example in gas exploration and liquefied natural gas plants and terminals. Inox Tech is a leading producer specialized in corrosion resistant alloy large diameter heavy wall welded pipes.

"Outokumpu is our main supplier because of the support Outokumpu gave us from the start and the reliability of the supplies. Part of our production is continuous production, so it is very important to avoid down time. If the supply stalls, obviously your production stalls. With Outokumpu, we have the needed reliability," says Roel van Paassen, Managing Director, Sosta GmbH.

"We have chosen Outokumpu because it offers the best service and because we have a long and lasting relationship that has enabled both of us to be successful also during difficulties and hard times," says Mattia Agnoletto, Managing Director, Inox Tech S.p.A.

For more information:

Saara Tahvanainen, tel. +358 40 589 0223

## **Outokumpu Group**

Outokumpu is a global leader in stainless steel. We create advanced materials that are efficient, long lasting and recyclable – thus building a world that lasts forever. Stainless steel, invented a century ago, is an ideal material to create lasting solutions in demanding applications from cutlery to bridges, energy and medical equipment: it is 100% recyclable, corrosion-resistant, maintenance-free, durable and hygienic. Outokumpu employs more than 12 000 professionals in more than 30 countries, with headquarters in Espoo, Finland and shares listed in the NASDAQ OMX Helsinki. <a href="https://www.outokumpu.com">www.outokumpu.com</a>