

Announcement of the Expansion of the Scope of “NORSOK” (Norwegian standards for offshore oil/gas related structures) Certification

Nippon Yakin Kogyo Co., Ltd. announced that it has recently expanded the scope of our NORSOK (Norsk Sokkels Konkuranseposisjon: Norwegian standards for offshore oil/gas related structures) certification.

NORSOK is a standard that was introduced in the mid1990s by the Norwegian petroleum industry, which was promoting development of North Sea oil fields, in order to ensure the safety of work, equipment, etc. related to oil drilling and production. In addition to provisions for various types of facilities, construction methods, etc., NORSOK also specifies requirements for materials. It has now become one of the basic standards for oil and gas development.

Since March 2015, when we announced the acquisition of the NORSOK standard certification for thickness sizes of our general-purpose duplex stainless steel (S31803, S32205), super duplex stainless steel (S32750) and super-austenitic stainless steel (S31254), we have worked to add certified sizes, expand the thickness range and add new steel grades.

In December 2015, we acquired certification for the hot rolled coil of the respective steel grades. Further, in November 2016, we expanded the thickness range for the thickness size of S32750 (from 31 mm or less to 40 mm or less). And, the acquisition of the certification for S32760 plate as a new steel grade has been completed.

With the expansion of the scope of our NORSOK certification, we intend to further strengthen the sales and marketing of high-quality duplex stainless steel, super duplex stainless steel and super-austenitic stainless steel as backed by the NORSOK certification, and further enhance the obtention of demands, while mainly targeting fabricators and stockist in Asia and Europe in the field of oil and gas, which is one of the markets for expanded sales of high performance alloys.

Outline of certified standard and steel grades

Certified standard	Material standard	Steel grades	Nippon Yakin Grade
NORSOK M-650	NORSOK M-630	MDS D45 UNSS31803 UNSS32205	NAS329J3L
		MDS D55 UNSS32750 <i>UNSS32760 (New)</i>	NAS74N <i>NAS75N</i>
		MDS R15 UNSS31254	NAS185N

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