

The block method is being more widely used by the West Siberian oil and gas complex - says V. Kel', director of the Sibgazkomplektmontazh concern. This is understandable. It is the thing of the future. It is much simpler and cheaper to assemble complete outfits here for industries and other projects and then, in a ready-for-use condition, ship them to the north.

We have also gained initial experience in assembling the superblocks, transporting them by water route, and in equipping the Yamburg gas-condensing site. But there is an urgency, more and more "supers" are needed. This is why five new shipbuilding berths have appeared on the bank of the Tura river plus a huge shop in which the assembly of these mini factories is taking place. In view of the fact that the enterprise has decided to reduce to a minimum the costly assembly work in the north, its products become more compact but heavier. At the present time the blocks weigh from 200-400 tonnes, but by the end of the year the first 1000 tonne block will hit the water.

For now, the factory will manufacture 50 superblocks, but once projected capacity is attained, production will increase fourfold.

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There Will Be More Subarctic Oil

The drilling team of Komineft' Oil Group have drilled through 10 million metres of rock since the oil-bearing regions of the European North were first exploited.