

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## Headline News

- **GE Aviation** held a special celebration at the U.S. Ambassador's Residence in the Czech Republic on December 13 to recognize its H80 turboprop engine and its engine type certification from the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA). The H80 engine is the first GE engine to be manufactured outside the U.S. and the first GE engine to receive its initial type certification from EASA. Engineers from GE Aviation locations in the Czech Republic and United States collaborated with the Czech Aeronautical Research and Test Institute to incorporate sophisticated technologies into the H80 engine. "GE Aviation sets an example for investors as a great asset to the Czech Republic. We are very happy that the company was able to use the expertise of Czech engineers in achieving certification of the new H80 turboprop engine," said Miroslav Krizek, CEO of the **CzechInvest** agency.

Source: *CzechInvest, Dec 13*

## Business

- **RSF Elektronik**, a company focused on machine tools and production of cable systems for the engineering company, plans to build a factory in Stribro by mid-2013. It intends to hire over 350 employees there. The piece of information was confirmed for CIA by Vladimir Muller, the

authorised representative of Waystone CZ, who prepares the area for the investor. According to Mr. Muller, the investor will buy area covering nearly 4.5 hectare from the town.

Source: *CIA, Dec 14*

- The Ministry of the Environment has given an EIA go-ahead to plastic car parts manufacturer **Megatech Industries Jablonec** in respect of increased production capacity of polymer-based products on Megatech premises in Jablonec nad Nisou. The project will boost polymer capacity from 1,001 tonnes to the estimated annual amount of 3,960 tonnes. In August 2012, the company will newly provide production of car side post covers for the new VW Golf generation manufactured in Wolsburg and for a new family car type.

Source: *CIA, Dec 16*

- Czech carmaker **Skoda Auto** has started building the new Lean Centre in Mlada Boleslav. The facility will be a training centre for the company's employees, as well as for suppliers from around the world. According to the company, the investments into the project will reach EUR 5.3 mln (CZK 135.66 mln). The future training in the Lean Centre will focus on optimisation and slimming of production and administration processes in Skoda Auto.

Source: *CIA, Dec 15*

- On Thursday, December 22 **Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Czech** (HMMC) terminated the production of the model i30 of the first generation in a short, five-door version in the Nošovice-based production plant. The model will be replaced by a new one in mid-January. The current model Hyundai i30 cw (combi) will be manufactured until the summer 2012, when it will be replaced by the i30 of the next generation. The series production of the three-door version of the i30 of the next generation will begin on the turn of years 2012 and 2013.

Source: *CIA, Dec 21*

- The firm **Branaldi** put into operation a production, warehouse and distribution centre in Chrastava in November. The company's director, Eva Drozenova, has stated that the firm has over 100 employees now. Branaldi has already invested over EUR 9 mln (almost CZK 230 mln) into its production premises and technologies this year, with contribution from the EU fund for business development.

Source: *CIA, Nov 30*

- **Envigea** has applied for an assessment of the relocation of a surfacing line from the Knorr-Bremse CR, Utility Vehicles Systems plant in Hejnice to existing hall 5 at VGP Park Liberec in zone Liberec-North which is currently being expanded. This is in order to get

rid of excessive transport of input raw materials and parts to Liberec and to lower energy consumption at the reconstructed line. Implementation of the project should begin in December and be completed in January 2012.

Source: **CIA**, Dec 8

- The firm **Lovochemie** plans to invest into technology upgrades in the coming year. According to the company, the biggest investment will involve the construction of a new fluid boiler. The spokesperson for Lovochemie, Irena Vodickova, has told CIA that the costs of the exchange of two coal boilers for one fluid boiler are preliminarily estimated at CZK 1 bln. If Lovochemie obtains a subsidy for the project, the new boiler will be built by 2014, otherwise by 2016.

Source: **CIA**, Dec 11

- The firm **VGP CZ III.** has applied for environmental impact assessment (EIA) for its project for the production of incontinency aids and product in a hall in VGP Park Hradek nad Nisou. The plan foresees 20 women and 30 men working in each shift. Further 50 employees will work in the plant management and administration. The building work is scheduled to start in January 2012 and be completed in 2014.

Source: **CIA**, Dec 13

- The Ministry of Environment has approved the installation of a new galvanic line into the existing facility of the automotive industry lock and component supplier **Tokoz** on the outskirts of the municipality of Zdar nad Sazavou in the environmental impact assessment. The capacity will be raised by 200,000 sq m p.a. All in all, the capacity will be raised by ca. 32% to 823,700 p.a. The capacity boost will create 10 new jobs. The installation is scheduled to be completed and launched in the spring of 2012.

Source: **CIA**, Dec 27

## R&D

- The Prague Magistrate has approved the plan for the construction of the Horni Lada Technology Park in Prague-Kyje within the environmental impact assessment. The facility consists

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of two zones on almost 20 ha of land – the exhibition zone and the technology zone. As CIA has previously informed, the costs are estimated at ca. CZK 2 bln. The project will consist of 20 buildings.

Source: **CIA**, Nov 30

- **Zdarek**, a company focused on project activities in the construction industry, asks for the environmental impact assessment for its intention to build the science-technical park (VTP) Nupharo in Kninice u Libouchce. The area of the intention reaches 62,654 sq m. The park will likely employ 800 people. The realisation will likely begin next year and end in 2013.

Source: **CIA**, Dec 14

- **Firesta-Fiser, rekonstrukce, stavby** has asked for the environmental impact assessment for the construction of an administrative complex of a science-technology park (VTP) in Brno-Bohunice. The project is invested by ICT Park. The complex will be formed by two parts, the building E-Globe and the ICT Park, which will also build a business incubator focused on the field of the environmentalism, energy and IT.

Source: **CIA**, Dec 21

## Economy

- Czech entrepreneurs and tradesmen obtained over CZK 25 bln from the **Operational Programme 'Business and Innovations'** (OPPI). Minister of Industry and Trade Martin Kuba said that more than 6,000 Czech entrepreneurs have been pledged support from this Operational Programme. Entrepreneurs will get over CZK 10 bln from the EU subsidies through the Ministry of Industry and Trade (MPO) this year. A total of CZK 9.6 bln was paid to the accounts of Czech entrepreneurs at the end of November.

Source: **CIA**, Dec 5

## CzechInvest

- British companies invested about EUR 380 mln (CZK 9.62 bln) in the Czech Republic in 2010, said Miroslav Krizek, the CEO of the Agency for the

Support of Business and Investments, at a seminar on programmes of **CzechInvest**. According to his words, The United Kingdom thus placed seventh among all countries in the world last year. Petra Janickova, the executive manager of the British Chamber of Commerce, said that the construction industry, the energy industry and the food industry were perspective branches.

Source: **CIA**, Nov 30

- Governmental agency **CzechInvest** has become a member of the Confederation of the Czech Aviation Industry. The joint aim of both institutions is to promote the **Czech aviation industry** abroad, participate on the boosting of the production capacities of the aviation industry in the Czech Republic and to focus on education in the field and new jobs. The confederation's president, Ladislav Simek, has stated that CzechInvest's membership is the result of long-term cooperation on the support for and development of aviation industry in the Czech Republic.

Source: **CIA**, Dec 21

- The Textile Faculty of the **Liberec Technical University** has reached an agreement with Japanese **Shinshu University** on joint development projects, conferences and seminars, as well as exchange of information and publications. The agreement is the result of **CzechInvest's** participation on the Nanotech 2011 fair in Tokyo. The cooperation will focus primarily on nanotechnologies and state-of-the-art fibre materials, the dean of the Textile Faculty of the Liberec Technical University, Ales Linka, has added.

Source: **CIA**, Dec 21

Exchange Rates  
Averages for December 2011  
EUR 1 = CZK 25.500  
GBP 1 = CZK 30.203  
USD 1 = CZK 19.336



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