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Headline News

- **Investment incentives** will be offered in the Czech Republic to companies involved in the development and research spheres and for strategic services, such as software development. The period during which these corporations will be able to enjoy discounted tax rate will extend from the today's five to ten years. These are the main changes proposed by the Ministry of Industry and Trade in the amended Act on Investment Incentives, which the government approved on Oct 18, 2011. The amendment also introduces a new institute – that of a strategic investor – who will be eligible to obtain a direct investment aid. If approved by the Czech Parliament, the amended Act is expected to come to force in mid 2012.

Source: CzechInvest, Oct 19

Business&Investment

- Japanese company **Amcon** will assemble components for facilities for the cleaning of wastewater in production and in wastewater treatment plants in the industrial park in Chrastany near Prague. Amcon has thus opened its first European branch in Prague. The company has concluded contracts with 20 Czech suppliers exceeding CZK 50 mln. The information was provided by CzechInvest,

which found the required suppliers.

Source: CIA, Oct 26

- The firm **Dixons Retail**, specialising in retail and services in electronics, is expanding its activities in Brno. A total of over 150 job opportunities will be created in the city. The expansion concerns the existing Shared Services Centre, which will offer work to 80 people. E-shop Pixmania will open its new headquarters for 14 European countries. CzechInvest helped with the investment projects.

Source: CIA, Oct 25

- Japanese air conditioning manufacturer **PC International** has leased almost 5,000 sq m of industrial space including offices at Airport Logistic Park in Knezeves. CIA was informed by Mayumi Yokozeki from the international team at Cushman & Wakefield that 82 jobs will be created in three shifts that will produce new products. The company will transfer its production of insulation for air conditioning equipment to the park.

Source: CIA, Oct 13

- **Vitkovice Machinery Group** launched the operation of the new fast forging facility, Vitkovice Hammering, on Monday October 3. According to the company, the fast forging technology line is the highest investment into this type of

engineering technology made in the Czech Republic in the last 20 years. The building costs of the new operation exceeded CZK 20 bln. The new line brought 80 jobs. More job positions will be formed in follow-up subsidiary companies that will use and process the products further.

Source: CIA, Oct 3

- **Bosch** will invest CZK 300 mln into the extension of the production plant Robert Bosch in Ceske Budejovice. The amount of the investment was provided to CIA by Pavel Roman, the head of the corporate communication of the company. The project will make it possible to raise the production and extend the current development and testing centre. The construction of a new hall covering 9,000 sq m will be completed by 2012.

Source: CIA, Oct 12

- The firm **Delta Projektconsult** has completed the construction of a production hall in Ostrava for concrete products manufacturer specialising in concrete paving, **Diton**. The spokesperson for Delta Projektconsult, Marcela Kolarova, has told CIA that Diton has invested CZK 150 mln into the implementation of the project.

Source: CIA, Oct 13

- The firm **TSR Czech Republic** has asked for

environmental impact assessment for its plan for the expansion of the waste utilisation facility. The company plans to expand the capacity in the Ceske Budejovice facility from the current 900 tons of metal waste to 4,000 tons.

Source: [CIA](#), Oct 19

- In an EIA procedure, the Central Bohemia Regional Authority has approved the installation and operation of a new line for applying cuts at the existing production plant of **Faurecia Interior Systems Bohemia**, a producer of automobile dashboards, in the eastern industrial zone in Mlada Boleslav. The subject of the project is to increase the overall capacity to 178,000 sq m of peg area per year.

Source: [CIA](#), Oct 21

- From an EIA point of view, the Ministry of the Environment has approved the second stage of **JC Interiors Czechia's** production hall expansion in the Zatec industrial zone, which consists of an automobile dashboard plastic components' pressing shop. A total of 547 employees should be working in the facility.

Source: [CIA](#), Oct 24

Infrastructure

- The municipality of **Nove Sedlo** is building an **industrial zone**, with six new premises planned to be created by the end of 2013. The municipal authority's investment officer Sarka Pojarova has stated that the municipal authority hopes that the zone will help to reduce unemployment. The preparation of the zone will cost CZK 176 mln. First parties interested in potential investments have contacted the authority. Areas sized 9,000-15,000 sq m should be formed on a total territory of 4.8 ha and used exclusively for light and medium industry.

Source: [CIA](#), Oct 14

R&D

- Synpo** has completed a centre for research, development, technologies and application of nanocomposite

polymer materials and RES-based polymers in the Pardubice Region. The company was granted CZK 10.5 mln from the Operational Programme Business and Innovations. The subsidy will cover 40% of all costs.

Source: [CIA](#), Oct 17

- The Moravia and Silesia Regional Authority has given an EIA go-ahead to the plan of **Tempo Training & Consulting Tempo Ostrava**. It will include office operations, a lecture room and a fast food. It will offer 200-250 job opportunities. The capacity of the conference hall will be approx. 100 seats.

Source: [CIA](#), Oct 17

Economy

- The Czech Republic at present has CZK 763.7 bln in **European funds** at its disposal according to the current exchange rate. According to First Deputy Minister for Regional Development, Daniel Braun, 71,114 applications worth CZK 1.12 tln have been submitted as part of the EU economic and social cohesion policy in the Czech Republic; this represents 146.5 % of the total allocation available to the Czech Republic in the current program period. A total of 31,685 projects worth CZK 529.6 bln, or 69.3 % of the total allocation, have already been approved.

Source: [CIA](#), Oct 20

Culture

Feasts of Music in Prague, the traditional series of evenings with violin player Vaclav Hudecek, his guests and chamber music in Church of St Simon and St Jude in Prague, take place from October 26, 2011, until April 20, 2012. This is the 20th year of the festival.

Source: [CIA](#), Oct 20

CzechInvest

- On 17 November 2011 CzechInvest organizes a seminar "**Czech Republic – First Choice for Growth in the Central and Eastern Europe**".

The seminar will be held in Zurich, Switzerland in cooperation with the consulting agency SCTT - SwissCzech Technology Transfer and the HST – the Chamber of Commerce Switzerland – Czech Republic.

Source: [CzechInvest](#), Oct 31

- Czech delegation consisting of experts on cleantech sector and government officials participated on "**Korea-Central Eastern Europe Green Business Partnership**" which was held in Seoul on October 10-14, 2011. One part of this event was the „Czech-Korean Technology Seminar“ which was organized on Czech side by **CzechInvest** and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic. The Korean main organizers were the Korean Ministry of Environment and KEITI. The main task of the event was to share knowledge and experience of environmental technology between Korea and Czech specialists and to discuss potential cooperation.

Source: [CzechInvest](#), Oct 31

- Czech promotion agency **CzechInvest** has opened the second call for applications for the project **CzechAccelerator 2011-2014**. Companies thus can choose from five localities from the USA, Singapore, Israel and Switzerland. According to Czech Minister of Industry and Trade Martin Kocourek, the project CzechAccelerator helps innovative Czech companies trying to find a foreign partner (both investors and technology partners) for their business.

Source: [CIA](#), Oct 6

Exchange Rates
Averages for October 2011
EUR 1 = CZK 24.851
GBP 1 = CZK 28.585
USD 1 = CZK 18.215

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