

### Headline News

- **Wolters Packaging Czech**, which produces automobile parts, wants to build a new production facility in the municipality of Kostěnice. Construction should commence next year and be completed in 2012.
- The built-up area will total roughly 12,000 square meters. The plan will also include the creation of more than 100 parking spaces. The Pardubice regional authority is currently assessing the environmental impact of the project (EIA).

Source: **CIA**, Nov 11

### Business

- Medical material distributor **Martek Medical** will build a Business, Logistic and Training Centre on the greenfield in the "G" industrial zone in Prostějov. The total investment will reach CZK 70 mln and the centre is scheduled to be completed in May 2011. According to company director Tomáš Dohnal, the centre will employ ca. 50 persons.
- According to Mr. Dohnal, there will be warehouse premises, technological operations and social background on the ground floor. The second store will house a training centre for 100 persons and an administrative section for 30 people.

Source: **CIA**, Nov 1

- The Regional Authority of the Central Bohemia Region has

approved the plan of **Kofola** to construct a new warehouse in Mnichovo Hradiště from the viewpoint of its environmental impact. The warehouse will replace the original buildings that were removed due to their non-conforming technical condition. The plan's total area is approximately 4,968 square meters.

- The warehouse will serve mainly for storing finished projects as well as packaging and raw materials. The implementation should begin this autumn and the completion is expected three months later.

Source: **CIA**, Nov 15

- The firm **Grupo Antolin Bohemia**, which produces interior ceilings for automobiles, has rented over 20,000 square meters of production, warehouse and administrative premises in the VGP Park in Liberec. New production is scheduled to start in Liberec in mid-2011. This stems from VGP's website.

Source: **CIA**, Nov 16

- In an EIA procedure, the Liberec Region Authority has approved **VGP CZ I's** plan for the second stage of its construction of VGP Park Turnov with an area of almost 23,000 square meters. This applies to the expansion of the existing **Ontex CZ** hall that will serve for storage and distribution.

- The implementation should be carried out from the second to the third quarter of next year.

The plan's built-up area should be 13,234 square meters. There, premises for 16 employees will be built. Profes Projekt is the general planner.

Source: **CIA**, Nov 29

- The European Commission is investigating investment incentives for Czech automaker **Škoda Auto**. ČIA was told by Hynek Brom, the first deputy chairman of the Antimonopoly Office of the Czech Republic (ÚOHS). According to Rudolf Dreithaler, the spokesman for Škoda Auto, the commission investigates two incentives for the extension of the component production. Mr. Dreithaler did not mention the amount of the investment or more detailed information.

- According to ÚOHS, the subsidisation applies to a possible reduction in taxes if an investment is allocated in the Czech Republic. According to Mr. Brom, the investment reaches hundreds of millions of Czech korunas.

Source: **CIA**, Nov 26

### Infrastructure

- According to **Cheb** Deputy Mayor Miroslav Plevný, the Cheb Industrial Park will expand by a further roughly 25 hectares next year. The second phase of the park was originally supposed to cost CZK 95 mln. According to Plevný, the budgets have been recalculated to lower costs by roughly CZK 20 mln.

- There are currently 660 employees at the park which is home to nine companies. The highest number of employees is accounted for by plastic toy manufacturer Playmobil CZ, which is preparing to build another hall.

Source: **CIA**, Nov 4

## R&D

- The **Regional Advanced Technologies and Materials Centre** opened on Friday November 5 in Olomouc. According to Education Minister Josef Dobeš, the new centre will offer up to 104 job positions. The centre will be researching new nanomaterials. The centre has obtained a subsidy of EUR 544.815 mln from the Research and Development for Innovations Operational Programme.
- Six research groups will focus the results of their scientific work into many environmental, medicinal and industrial applications. The scientists in the centre will deal also with modern technologies for water treatment, using iron nano-particles, and antibacterial treatment of surface through silver nano-particles.

Source: **CIA**, Nov 5

- **Zlínstáv** will build the first stage of scientific and technical park **Technopark Klimentov** in the municipality of Velká Hleďsebe for CZK 388.7 mln. The contract comprises construction of buildings and backrooms for a park with research and development laboratories or premises to locate innovative, counselling and service companies. The public contract was called by Klimentovská.
- Activities of the scientific and technical park will focus on support of research, development and innovative business in the processing industry. The contracting authority received four bids. The winner was selected by the lowest bid price. This information was published on the ISVZ official site of public contracts.

Source: **CIA**, Nov 5

- On Tuesday 23 November **AVG Technologies** opened a new research center and office space in the Spielberk Office Centre complex in Brno in the Czech Republic. The center is located in three buildings and will employ roughly 400 with the possibility of expanding as needed. AVG Technologies GM J. R. Smith stated that the new facility offers potential for further growth of the software industry in the Czech Republic.

Source: **CIA**, Nov 23

- The **CzechGlobe** project of the Institute for Systemic Biology and Ecology at the Czech Academy of Sciences has received financial support from Operating Program Research and Development for Innovation. CzechGlobe will receive a subsidy of CZK 650 mln to research global climate and climate change effects. According to project director Michal Marek, the causes of hundred year waters which the Czech Republic experienced three times in a 20-year period will be among the focal points.

Source: **CIA**, Nov 23

## Economy

- According to the **Doing Business 2011** study the **Czech Republic** has moved up 19 spots to 63rd position among 183 in a ranking of business environment quality. The study was completed by the World Bank Group in cooperation with the International Finance Corporation. The Czech Republic came in 130th on the list of countries in which starting a business is easiest. The best country for doing business is Singapore.

Source: **CIA**, Nov 4

## Culture

- Two chamber concerts were added to the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra's programme for the 2010/2011 season. The concerts will be held on Advent Sundays. The audiences may also look forward to an interesting offer of Christmas and New Year's Eve concerts.

Source: **CIA**, Nov 30

## CzechInvest

- Agency **CzechInvest's** foreign representation in Germany has moved to Düsseldorf. It will be located here together with the Czech consulate and agency CzechTrade. According to agency general manager Miroslav Křížek, the goal is to revive the inflow of investments projects from North Rhine-Westphalia.
- The director of the foreign office in Düsseldorf, Milan Pátek, added that CzechInvest will primarily address German investors through investment seminars, during personal consultations and at fairs. According to the statistics of the CzechInvest agency Germany investors are the most active in the Czech Republic, followed by American and Japanese companies.

Source: **CIA**, Nov 4

- **Czech-Israeli Technology Days**, hosted by agency **CzechInvest** and the Czech Foreign Ministry, were organised in Izrael on 9-11 November. Talks between representatives of technology centers and companies from the CEE region and Israel took place at the event. The primary motivation was to gain information about how to manage research technology centers and how to effectively use finance coming from Operating Program Research and Development for Innovation. This also involves promoting existing projects, such as CEITEC, BioMedreg and ICRC, and gaining information about the possibilities of existing technologies. In the past Japan, Korea, Switzerland and Mexico have been involved in such cooperation with the Czech Republic.

Source: **CIA**, Nov 12

Exchange Rates  
Averages for November 2010  
EUR 1 = CZK 24.637  
GBP 1 = CZK 28.805  
USD 1 = CZK 18.033

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