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## EBZ Group acquires Kovovyroba Hoffmann s.r.o., Czech specialist for prototyping and tool making

Ravensburg/ Ostrožská Nová Ves. The EBZ Group, an automotive supplier in the field of carbody assemly lines and tool construction, took over KOVOVÝROBA HOFFMANN s.r.o., based in Ostrožská Nová Ves, Czech Republic, on 18.07.2019.

The service portfolio of KOVOVÝROBA HOFFMANN s.r.o. includes the manufacture of Prototype tooling and parts as well as the production of serial press tools & dies for the automotive industry. The company was founded in 1996 by Lubomir Hoffmann.

"For the EBZ Group, the acquisition of KOVOVÝROBA HOFFMANN s.r.o. represents an ideal addition to our service portfolio and strengthens our global presence. The construction of prototypes is a strategically important expansion of our business and enables us to offer our customers an even broader range of products", says Thomas Bausch, CEO of the EBZ Group.

The agreements between EBZ and KOVOVÝROBA HOFFMANN include the purchase of all real estate which equates to a total production and office area of around 50,000 m<sup>2</sup> as well as the acquisition of all shares in KOVOVÝROBA HOFFMANN s.r.o. The EBZ Group is committed to continuity and the company will proceed as normal. The jobs of approximately 285 employees will be retained. KOVOVÝROBA HOFFMANN has been integrated into the EBZ Group as "EBZ Hoffmann, s.r.o." as a 100% subsidiary. The previous owner and managing director Marek Hoffmann will remain with the company. The annual turnover of the company is approx. 16 million Euro per year.

## About the EBZ Group

The EBZ Group is one of the leading specialists in tool and plant construction. The services provided range from engineering and manufacturing to the commissioning of forming tools and production plants. With a corporate structure geared to the core competencies of planning, design and simulation of complete bodyshops and tooling systems. As an owner-managed company it develops individual and flexible solutions for its customers within the global automotive industry.

With its wide range of services, global presence and the know-how of its employees, it covers a broad portfolio in body technology. The EBZ Group employs around 1800 people in thirteen locations worldwide and generates an annual gross performance of EUR 450 million.





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