

PRESS RELEASE

The STV INVEST Group won the bidding process to acquire the Kovošvit MAS complex

Prague, Czech Republic – June 2, 2026 - The major investment and industrial group STV INVEST has successfully concluded its participation in the bidding process organised by insolvency administrator Lukáš Vlašný and will become the new owner of the Kovošvit MAS complex in Sezimovo Ústí. The signing of the contractual documents marks the beginning of a new chapter for this traditional industrial hub. STV INVEST views the acquisition as an exceptional investment opportunity and a strategic step toward the long-term expansion of its engineering capabilities.

In the Czech industrial context, the Kovošvit MAS complex is a unique location with a deep historical tradition dating back to the Baťa era. The site covers an impressive 16 hectares, with more than 5 hectares dedicated to production and storage halls and administrative facilities. The entire complex is in very good technical condition, allowing the new owner to consider a wide range of future uses without the need for immediate, massive investments in basic infrastructure.

“Winning the tender to purchase the Kovošvit MAS site is a key milestone for our group. We are entering a location that boasts a vast industrial heritage, an excellent location, and robust infrastructure. Our primary goal is to bring stability, a clear vision, and an economic outlook to this site—something the complex desperately needs after a period of uncertainty,” says Martin Drda, CEO of STV INVEST.

Thorough analysis of future direction and a clear shift toward civilian production

Currently, the management of the STV INVEST group is launching a detailed mapping and technical-economic analysis process. The group’s experts are examining several strategic options for proceeding with the site and maximising its internal potential. The question of whether there will be a full or partial restoration of the original product portfolio that historically made Kovošvit famous remains open at this time. A decision will be made only on the basis of comprehensive market studies and an assessment of global demand.

Given that the STV INVEST Group operates across various industrial sectors, its management considers it essential to clearly communicate its intentions to the public from the outset and eliminate any speculation. No military equipment will be manufactured at the Sezimovo Ústí site. The investor’s goal is to address local residents’ concerns and dispel any misinformation. The new owner plans to develop exclusively high-value-added civilian engineering production here.

A Responsible Owner and Partner for Sezimovo Ústí and the Entire Region

The acquisition of an industrial site of such significance entails a significant social responsibility. The STV INVEST Group declares that it does not wish to be merely a passive financial investor, but a responsible owner and good neighbour who will actively engage in the life of the region.

“We are fully aware of the important role Kovosvit has played in the history and present of Sezimovo Ústí and the entire Tábor region. We are very much looking forward to collaborating with the local government and city leadership. Our goal is to send a clear signal that we are a transparent partner ready for open dialogue. We want the revitalisation and new development of the site to go hand in hand with the city's and its residents' needs. This also applies to the future creation of stable jobs for qualified engineering specialists, of whom there is traditionally a high concentration in this region,” adds Martin Drda.

The STV INVEST group will present specific plans, the final investment proposal, and the timeline for the gradual revitalisation of the site to city representatives, the media, and the public immediately after all internal analyses are completed and evaluated in the coming months.

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About the STV INVEST Group

STV INVEST is a leading Czech holding company in the defense and civilian industries. It builds on a tradition of manufacturing military equipment and explosives dating back to 1920, when the First Military Ammunition Factory was founded in Polička. With over a century of tradition and extensive experience, it is the only manufacturer of large-caliber ammunition in the Czech Republic. In addition to the parent company STV GROUP, which focuses specifically on ammunition and heavy military equipment, the group also includes other significant companies. STV Technology manufactures ammunition for small arms, Fenix Protector focuses on ballistic protective equipment, DEUS Automation specializes in industrial automation, STV Machinery manufactures assemblies for armored vehicles, and Poličské strojírný produces pneumatic door systems and mechanical ammunition components. The STV Group currently has production facilities in Polička, Nové Město pod Smrkem, Zákupy, Nový Knín, and in Slovakia in Dubnica nad Váhom. It employs more than 1,400 people. The STV Group is working hard to make the world a safer place.

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