

PRESS RELEASE

Lieutenant General Miroslav Hlaváč, Chief of the General Staff of the Czech Armed Forces, Visited the STV GROUP Production Plant in Polička

Polička, September 23, 2026 – STV GROUP had the opportunity to welcome Lieutenant General Miroslav Hlaváč, Chief of the General Staff of the Czech Armed Forces, to its manufacturing plant in Polička. He came to personally familiarize himself with the production capabilities of the company, which is a leading Czech supplier of military equipment and the only domestic manufacturer of large-caliber ammunition. According to the general, the main goal of the visit was to assess the capabilities of key Czech companies, which is important for the further development of the army's capabilities. During the discussion, he also noted that the industry, in turn, must respond to the trends and requirements of the armed forces through its own development and investments.

Company management presented General Hlaváč with a broad portfolio of STV GROUP's products and capabilities. This includes not only the production of ammunition ranging from small-caliber to artillery rounds, but also other strategic programs, such as providing life-cycle services for heavy military equipment, the production of tactical gear, and engineering.

"General Hlaváč's visit is a great honor for us. He was able to see for himself our company's readiness, as a long-standing representative of the domestic defense industry, to fulfill the tasks and needs of the Army. We reviewed our entire product range and discussed in detail the projects we are currently actively working on for the Army. We had an open discussion about both the projects that are proceeding smoothly and those that are more complicated. In this context, the general emphasized the importance of their timely and successful completion. He also mentioned his ambition to shorten the time required to implement new technologies, and he placed emphasis on innovation and thorough testing of both new and existing products," said Tomáš Rubáček, Chairman of the Board of Directors of STV GROUP.

A significant part of the visit was also purely practical in nature. Lieutenant General Hlaváč observed the technological processes of ammunition loading and small-caliber ammunition production firsthand on the factory floor.

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About STV GROUP

STV GROUP is a leading Czech company in the defense and civilian industries. It continues 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. It specializes in the development and production of large-caliber, medium-caliber, and engineering ammunition, as well as plastic explosives. It also supplies individual ballistic protection equipment and tactical gear. Other activities include the repair and modernization of military equipment, the trade in military supplies, and other industrial solutions.

STV GROUP is a proud partner of the Czech Army and supports war veterans and municipalities wherever it operates. It also supports local communities and other initiatives focused on security and the development of civil society. STV GROUP is part of the STV technology and industrial group of companies controlled by STV INVEST.

Other major companies are also part of the STV Group. 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 manufacturing plants in Polička, Nové Město pod Smrkem, Zákupy, Nový Knín, and in Dubnica nad Váhom, Slovakia. It employs more than 1,400 people. The STV Group's annual revenue last year exceeded 26 billion CZK.

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