



Wikov is acquiring Litostrój - the world's leading manufacturer of turbines for hydroelectric power plants

Prague, 24/10/2024 - The industrial group Wikov Industry a.s. ("Wikov") is expanding into the production of key components for hydroelectric power plants. With DK Holding Investments s.r.o. (hereinafter referred to as "DKHI") it has agreed on the purchase of the industrial part of the holding – ENERGO-PRO Industries s.r.o., including its subsidiaries Litostrój Power (Slovenia), Litostrój Engineering (Czech Republic), Litostrój Hydro (Canada) and Litostrój US (United States).

The Litostrój Group is one of the world's leading manufacturers of equipment for hydroelectric power plants with more than a hundred years of tradition. It specializes in the design, manufacture and maintenance of water turbines, reversible pump turbines, valves, pumps and is a supplier of complete turnkey solutions for hydroelectric power plants. It is one of the world's leaders in research and development, owns a unique hydraulic laboratory in Blansko, and in recent years has been successful, among other things, in the development and production of equipment for pumped-storage power plants. The company's revenues are around 2 billion CZK per year.

Both parties have agreed not to disclose the financial details of the deal. Steps are currently underway to settle the transaction, which is planned for late November or early December of this year.

"This is a strategic decision for our industrial group. Litostrój is one of the world's leaders in the design and production of equipment for hydroelectric power plants, it has advanced production that builds on quality research and employs highly qualified workers. Wikov and Litostrój will also take advantage of a number of synergies in trade, technology and production," says Martin Wichterle, owner of the Wikov Group. He sees great potential for both companies in the North American markets. *"The local economy is growing and is trying to attract production back. Litostrój also strengthens our position in industry focused on renewable resources and technologies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, which already represent more than half of our sales,"* adds Martin Wichterle.

Litostrój has been part of the DKHI Group since 2014, during which time it has significantly strengthened its position in the markets of Canada and the USA. The company played an important role in the reconstruction and construction of new hydroelectric power plants of the ENERGO-PRO Group in Georgia, Bulgaria and Turkey.

"This divestment is, among other things, part of our strategy to focus on the key companies in our portfolio that are engaged in hydroelectric power generation and electricity distribution. When the opportunity arose to approach the Wikov Group, which is a leading industrial company with a similar strategy, to establish itself in the markets in North America, we knew that we had found an industrial partner for the Litostrój Group who would be interested in developing this business," comments Hana Hikelová, DKHI's spokesperson.

"I would like to express my sincere thanks to the current owner for his significant support in the development of our company and help in conquering foreign markets. I am very much looking forward to working with the new owner, the strong traditional Czech industrial group Wikov, and to the new opportunities and challenges that await us together," adds Václav Černý, CEO of the Litostrój Group.

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About Litostroj

The Litostroj Group is one of the world's leading manufacturers of equipment for hydroelectric power plants with more than a hundred years of tradition. It is built on the rich heritage, expertise and experience of two traditional hydropower companies - the Slovenian Litostroj Power (Slovenia) and the Czech Litostroj Engineering (continuing the tradition of manufacturing equipment for hydroelectric power plants in Blansko). It specializes in the design, manufacture and maintenance of water turbines, reversible pump turbines, valves, pumps and is a supplier of complete turnkey solutions for hydroelectric power plants. It is one of the world's leaders in research and development, owns a unique hydraulic laboratory in Blansko, and in recent years has been successful, among other things, in the development and production of equipment for pumped-storage power plants.

Today, Litostroj operates worldwide through four key companies (Litostroj Power in Slovenia, Litostroj Engineering in the Czech Republic, Litostroj Hydro in Canada and Litostroj US in the United States). It provides a comprehensive set of services including research and development, model tests, design, production and commissioning - all so-called "tailor-made and under one roof".

Litostroj now employs more than 350 employees and has participated in projects with a total installed capacity of more than 25,000 MW implemented in more than 60 countries around the world.

About the Wikov Group

The Wikov Group is a major European manufacturer of industrial gearboxes, operating in engineering industry for more than 130 years. Wikov supplies its products to a wide range of industries, such as wind and hydropower, rail vehicles, shipbuilding, mining, oil and gas extraction. The entire group employs more than 1,000 people in production plants in the Czech Republic, Germany, Canada and India with sales of around 4 billion. CZK per year.

About DK Holding Investments s.r.o.

DK Holding Investments, s.r.o. is a holding company whose subsidiaries operate 49 hydroelectric power plants with a total installed capacity of over 1,300 MW, which produced almost 4 TWh of electricity last year. Its hydroelectric power plants are located in the Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Georgia, Spain and Turkey. In addition to generating electricity from renewable sources, it also operates electricity distribution and participates in the electricity supply of more than 2.5 million customers in Bulgaria and Georgia.

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