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Dear Friends,

It was a great pleasure working with you for the last four years. At the beginning of August, I shall return to Prague headquarters. Therefore, this is the last Czech Trade Focus that I am sending as Head of the Economic Section. My successor, Tomas Hart, will arrive at the end of July, and I hope that you have the same wonderful cooperation with him. I wish you all the best and hope to see you in Prague.

Sincerely,

Josef Dvoracek

MACROECONOMIC DATA OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

INDICATORS	2011	2012	Latest available data	
GDP (% , y-to-y)	1.9	-1.3	-2.4	Q1 '13
Inflation (% , y-to-y)	1.9	3.3	2.5	May '13
Unemployment (% , y-to-y)	8.6	7.4	7.5	May '13
Industrial Production (% , y-to-y)	6.9	-1.2	0.5	Apr '13
Trade Balance (millions of USD)	5,096	7,461	1,506	Feb '13
Exchange Rate CZK/USD (average)	17.7	19.6	19.3	May '13

Source: Czech Statistical Office

PRESENTATION OF WINES FROM THE CZECH REPUBLIC IN NYC



Consulate General of the Czech Republic IN New York hosted the presentation of sommelier selected wines from estates and chateaus in the south-eastern part of the Czech Republic on Monday, May 20th, 2013 at the Bohemian National Hall.

The people of the region of Moravia have been making wine since the time of the Roman Empire. In the 20 years since the formation of the modern Czech Republic, Czech vintners have been crafting wines that are winning international awards. Never has such a collection of Moravian wine been available in the US.

Presentation at the BNH was attended by more than 220 satisfied customers who appreciated the collection of wines from four main Moravian wine sub-regions (Znojensko, Mikulovsko, Velkopavlovicko and Slovacko) presented by one of the top Czech sommeliers, Mr. Libor Nazarcuk.

Agricultural sector's trade deficit grows

The Czech Republic's trade deficit in agricultural produce grew 6 percent in the first three months of this year, reaching CZK 5.7 billion (\$296.7 million). The total value of imported agricultural produce, food, drinks and tobacco products was CZK 42.8 billion (\$2.2 billion) in the first quarter, according to Agricultural Association figures reported by the Czech News Agency. Nearly two-thirds of the deficit was accounted for by meat, imports of which exceeded exports by CZK 3.67 billion (\$191.1 million) from January to March. In some sectors, the Czech Republic was a net exporter, notably cereals, for which the surplus was CZK 1.7 billion (\$88.5 million). There was also a surplus in trade in eggs, milk and honey.

Siemens official says crisis could end soon

The Czech Republic CEO for the engineering company Siemens, Eduard Palisek has said the economic crisis will end sooner if people stop discussing it. The country's economic

situation is not as bad as it appears. Siemens saw its Czech Republic revenues increase 1.6 percent to CZK 32.5 billion (\$1.7 billion) last year, and the company expects them to rise modestly again in 2013. Palisek also said the Czech Republic had great economic potential, but too little was made of this. Siemens, headquartered in Germany, is one of the Czech Republic's top 10 employers, with about 9,590 staff in the country.

EU calls for new rules for Czech civil servants

If the Czech Republic does not pass new regulations for civil servants by the end of the year, the European Union Commission warns, the flow of EU money to the country may be cut off. This could mean a loss of as much as CZK 500 billion (\$26 billion) in the coming years. According to the commission, the new law on civil servants must sufficiently separate political appointees from other government workers. Minister of Finance Miroslav Kalousek said there are still dozens of disputed aspects of the law that must be resolved politically. Jeronym Tejc, the chairman

of the CSSD, said if the bill remains in its current form, his party will not vote for it.

Industry conditions show uptick in May

Conditions in Czech manufacturing improved in May. The purchasing managers' index (PMI) rose to 50.1 points from 49.5 in April and surpassed the 50 point level for the first time in 13 months, according to Markit Economics. The PMI, an indicator of the economic health of the manufacturing sector, is based on five indicators: new orders, inventory levels, production, supplier deliveries and employment. According to Markit Economics the value of 50 points and above signals the end of the 13-month downward trend in the production sector. However, compared with April, the May figure shows stabilization and is not a sign of unambiguous improvement.

Country's auto industry is on the rise

Even though local automobile output fell 18 percent in the first quarter of 2013, the car market in the Czech Republic is seeing revitalization and new growth. According to numbers released by AutoSAP, the country's automobile industry grew 6.5 percent in 2012, to CZK 835.5 billion (\$43.5 billion). This accounted for 23 percent of local industrial output overall. Škoda Auto's production of cars in the country fell 46,000 in the first four months of the year, but TPCA is hiring 300 temporary workers and will introduce a new generation of the Citroën C1, Peugeot 107 and Toyota Aygo in the first half of 2014.

Tax quota to rise to 35.7 percent

The compound tax quota, the share of the gross domestic product taken up by taxes, will grow slightly to 35.7 percent next year, according to a report by the Czech News Agency. The quota includes customs duties and compulsory social and health insurance payments and is expected to reach 35.5 percent this year, up from 35 percent in 2012. After 2014, the figure is expected to fall slightly until it reaches 34 percent in 2016, according to Finance Ministry documents for the draft state budget for 2014. The

Cabinet was scheduled to discuss the Finance Ministry proposals June 12. Total state revenues are set to reach CZK 564 billion (\$29.3 billion) next year.

Government spending projected to grow

Government spending is set to increase by CZK 15 billion (\$781.2 million) in 2014 and CZK 10 billion the year after, according to a Finance Ministry proposal. The government had been widely expected to increase spending and scale back austerity measures to promote growth ahead of planned elections in 2014. However, the budget deficit will remain within the 3 percent European Union recommended limit. According to projections, the Czech Republic's budget deficit will rise to CZK 105 billion (\$5.5 billion) next year and CZK 110 billion (\$5.7 billion) in 2015. The extra money is set to go to the agriculture, industry, education, interior and labor ministries.

Unemployment and inflation drop in May

Unemployment dropped to 7.5 percent in May, a fall of 0.2 percentage points compared with the figure for April, with seasonal work credited for the improvement in the figure. If the earlier methodology for calculating inflation had been used, the figure would have been 9.4 percent. Meanwhile, annual inflation fell to 1.3 percent in May, which is 0.3 percentage points below the forecast of the Czech National Bank. In April, the year-on-year inflation figure was 1.7 percent. The larger-than-expected fall in inflation was attributed to lower telecommunications and fuel prices, although food prices went up faster than expected.

Preliminary Temelín contracts reported

Sigma holding group said it was now in possession of preliminary Temelín contracts from Russian-Czech conglomerate MIR.1200 to the tune of CZK 27 billion (\$1.4 billion) and from the U.S. firm Westinghouse. According to Sigma's chief executive, Milan Simonovsky, the contract the firm received from Westinghouse was worth significantly less at CZK 2.6 billion (\$131.5 million). Sigma has

signed several agreements with the Americans and the Russians but the difference in the volume of orders is tenfold. The order for the Russia-Czech MIR.1200 represents a total of CZK 27 billion (\$1.4 billion).

The country's banks are in good health

The financial sector is stable despite the economic contraction, the Czech Central Bank (cNB) said June 17 after they conducted stress tests. The main risk was from the deepening recession, which would increase the risk that borrowers would be unable to pay back

loans. Miroslav Singer, governor of the CNB, said he also saw a risk from institutions looking to rush into high-yielding investments. The country's banking sector is largely made up of West European banks, like Erste Group Bank.

Second-pillar scheme at risk of crumbling

The general manager of KB Pension Company, Pavel Jirak, said the number of people planning to sign up for the second-pillar pension scheme by June 30 will not exceed 80,000, despite original estimates of 500,000.

Individuals who sign up for the controversial scheme divert 3 percent of their salary into the fund and are then allowed to reduce their state contribution by 3 percent. The leader of the Social Democrats (CSSD), Bohuslav Sobotka, said the Czech National Bank must reduce the volume of money allocated to the scheme by the time of the parliamentary elections because of the scheme's low popularity.

10TH EU UN-PROCUREMENT SEMINAR IN NEW YORK CITY



10th annual seminar dedicated to instructing European companies on how to do business with UN agencies and titled „EU UN-Procurement Seminar“ took place between May 6 – May 8, 2013 at the Bohemian National Hall in NYC.

Participants from more than 130 companies from various EU member states gained an understanding of where to find procurement notices, how the tender process works, and the type of products that the participating UN organizations procure.

Several interactive workshops were aimed at helping companies to understand how their products and services can best be promoted to the UN. Participating companies' representatives had also a chance to meet 1-on-1 with procurement officers from UN organizations as well as with representative from other participating EU companies.

More information about the event: www.eupf.org

INVESTMENT BRIEFS

According to a survey conducted by **CzechInvest**, more than half of major investors would not implement projects in the Czech Republic because of reduced investment incentives. A significant increase of costs, loss of motivation and low return on investment are the most frequently cited reasons why the surveyed foreign and domestic firms would not invest in new or existing projects in the Czech Republic if **state aid** were reduced from the current 40% to 25% of eligible costs as proposed by the European Commission. According to Minister of Industry and Trade Martin

Kuba, the European Commission's proposal would significantly worsen the conditions for providing state aid in the Czech Republic. The Czech Republic has made its objections known to Brussels.

GE Aviation has celebrated the production of the **fiftieth H80 turboprop engine** in the Czech Republic. The company began series production of H80 turboprop engines in June 2012. Engineers from GE Aviation cooperated with the Czech Aviation Research and Test Institute on the development of the engine.

According to Jim Stoker, president and COO of GE Aviation's BGA Turboprops, H80 engines are currently in operation in the United States, Canada, Ecuador and Argentina, and the company will produce engines for aircraft to be delivered to China, Russia, South Africa, Uruguay and Brazil over the next several months.

Czech promotion agency CzechInvest received a total of **25 intentions for investment incentives** in a period from January 1 to May 30. The total value of investments reaches CZK 14.5 billion (\$732.5 million). The

investments will likely establish up to 3,500 jobs. According to new rules, the rate of the public subsidisation will likely fall from 40% to 25% and conditions for the confirmation of the motivation effect of investment incentives or the compliance of the public subsidisation with regional rules will be stricter beginning January 1, 2014. The Czech Republic has expressed its disagreement with the proposed rules.

According to the fifth assessment of countries and cities favoured by

investors, which is conducted annually by the American magazine Site Selection, the **Czech Republic is the second best country in Eastern Europe**. Within the assessment, the number of new facilities, amount of capital investment and number of jobs created are evaluated on the basis of data from the companies Conway Data and IBM. At the same time, experts evaluate the most attractive cities, whereas Prague ranks eighth in Eastern Europe.

Bosch Diesel is celebrating the 20th anniversary of its operation in Vysocina in the Czech Republic. In 1993 CzechInvest helped the company with selecting the most suitable location for the placement of its investment. Today the company is the biggest global manufacturing plant for Common Rail diesel injection systems within the Bosch group worldwide and employs 4,000 people, making it the biggest employer in the region.

U.S. – CZECH SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION EXPANDS TO LASER RESEARCH



On May 24, the Czech Academy of Sciences presented a press conference announcing the American partner in the construction of the ELI Beamlines laser research facility which will be built in Dolní Břežany near Prague. Managing Director of the ELI Beamlines Vlastimil Růžička announced that central component of the largest science facility in the Czech Republic will be unique laser purchased from Lawrence Livermore National Lab (LLNL) and developed by the American and Czech scientists.

"Through this collaboration, we will become long-term partners in this effort, and I'm looking forward to hearing the first news reports about Czech and American researchers making scientific breakthroughs at ELI Beamlines," U.S. Ambassador Eisen said in his remarks at the Academy's headquarters. Remarks in full you can read here.

The ELI Beamlines laser research facility is a 280 million Euro (364 million USD) project that is co-financed by the European Union (85 %) and Czech Republic (15 %). Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory has been chosen as the only organization in the world capable of building a laser sophisticated and powerful enough to meet the needs of the project. The ELI super-laser will contribute to research into treatment for cancer, medical screening and diagnostics.

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) is a national security laboratory founded by the University of California in 1952. The laboratory was honored in 2012 by having the synthetic chemical element livermorium named after it. For more information about the national laboratory, please visit its website at www.llnl.gov.

COMPANIES AND BUSINESSES

CEZ seeks compensation in Albania
The Czech utility CEZ has initiated proceedings to secure compensation after it was stripped of its license to distribute electricity in Albania at the start of this year. The company notified the Albanian authorities May 16 it would be seeking a payout. Before its license was removed, CEZ's

distribution company, CEZ Shpërndarje, was criticized for failing to stem losses from the country's grid due to theft and technical issues. The company complained the state power generator increased the prices it charged CEZ unfairly and that state-owned entities failed to pay their

power bills, contributing to its heavy losses in the country.

New virtual mobile operator is launched

A new mobile virtual network operator, 99mobile, has been launched in the Czech Republic, offering calling rates of CZK 1.49 (\$0.08) per minute

to all networks. The company has said this is approximately CZK 1.00 (\$0.05) less than the company's competitors. Within 99mobile's own network the cost for calling is CZK 0.49 (\$0.03) per minute, and the same rate applies for an SMS. In this first year, the new operator hopes to gain at least 50,000 customers. The Czech Republic's first MVNO, BLESKmobil, launched in November last year, offering a pre-paid service, while this year, GTS has unveiled its MVNO service aimed at businesses.

Skoda Transportation to produce trams in China

Under a contract worth up to CZK 5 billion signed between Skoda and Chinese company CSR Sifang, Skoda Transportation trams will be produced in China. The contract will grant CSR Sifang the license to produce 15T trams, also known under the business name ForCity. The terms of the 10-year contract allow the Chinese company to produce up to 400 trams within that time. "China has an elaborate plan of investments in the public transport sector," said Škoda Transportation co-owner and board chairman Tomas Krsek. "For this

reason, the Chinese market is very interesting for us." Under Chinese legislation, complete vehicles cannot be imported and must be assembled locally instead.

Local Heineken launches a cocktail range

The Zlatopramen beer brand has launched a range of cocktail inspired bottled "party drinks for women" that they hope will serve as an attractive alternative to the over-abundance of lager and beer. George Reed, marketing director of Heineken Czech Republic, said the company was in the perfect position to expand into other markets considering their long history, and this was their first attempt at the cocktail market. They call their new range Mystery and are 4 percent proof.

Avia truck production to end in late July

Truck production at aircraft and automotive company Avia Ashok Leyland will cease July 31 and be moved to India, the company announced in a press release. New products will be supplied from foreign plants once the economic situation

improves, but post-sale service will continue in the country, in keeping with their legal duties. The factory in Letňany will be closed and then sold, putting 227 jobs at risk. Avia raised revenue 56 percent last year but still posted a loss. Avia Ashok Leyland Motors Ltd forms part of the Hinduja Group and is the second-largest commercial vehicle manufacturer in India.

Skoda responsible for 'automobile nationalism'

Seven of the top 10 cars bought in May were Skoda Auto models, prompting Hospodarske noviny (Economy Newspaper) to say the Czech people were afflicted by "automobile nationalism." The three remaining cars were from Korean car manufacturer Hyundai. Skoda also announced it has started production on the new Octavia vehicle at the GAZ's Nizhny Novgorod plant in Russia. Skoda CEO Winfried Vahland said Russia had become the company's third-most important sales market worldwide, and the new model would likely strengthen the automaker's position in the region.

PRK PARTNERS – DOING BUSINESS IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

PRK Partners, a Czech-based law firm, has written up a brochure promoting investment opportunities in the Czech Republic. This material is valid as of April, 1, 2013 and can be found on this website: http://www.mzv.cz/file/1002890/Doing_business_in_the_Czech_Republic_2013.pdf

PRK Partners is a leading law firm and holder of significant international and national awards. The firm, formerly named Prochazka Randl Kubr, has been active on the market for almost twenty years now, and has become a full service law firm with offices in four cities (Prague, Bratislava, Budapest and Ostrava) across three jurisdictions. PRK Partners also serves and accompanies clients on their business journeys in other jurisdictions around the world. More information about PRK Partners can be found on their official website: www.prkpartners.com

CZECH COMPANIES LOOKING FOR US PARTNERS

JSG med

JSG med is a Czech company with twenty-two year tradition. Company is interested in production of jam, jam's specialties and processing of honey. They are looking for US business partners (retail chains, importers, wholesalers and shops with health food) for purchase of their products.

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Charvat

Charvat company was originally established in 1995. The company produces safes and archive cabinets and other security objects for keeping valuables, guns, chemicals and others. 90% of their production is being sold in Western Europe, countries such as UK, Netherlands, Germany and others. They are very flexible in production and their lead and delivery times are short as well. The company is seeking new customers and distributors on the US market.

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KIM Group

KIM Group is an international trade company, established in 2005 in Prague, Czech Republic. Their main business focus is on mobile phone market – they deal with mobile phones: Apple, Nokia, Samsung, Sony, Alcatel and tablets. They deal with companies all over the EU and also outside EU. They are looking for business partners and distributors in USA mainly of Apple products.

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Ryor

Czech natural cosmetics RYOR offers a wide range of retail products treating body and skin and also a professional line designed for beauty salons. The company was founded in 1991 and still remains a family business which intends to produce high quality cosmetics. RYOR won many national and international awards and exports its products to more than 20 countries and currently seeks a business partner in the United States of America.

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The Lasvit Group, founded in 2007 and based in the Czech Republic, is a leading designer and manufacturer of custom contemporary light fittings, feature architectural glass installations and lighting collections. Lasvit's glass art designs combine the finest traditions and craft in innovative Bohemian glass making. The company has 10 international offices in Europe, Asia, the Middle East, North and South America.

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TRADESHOWS AND EXHIBITIONS IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

INCHEBA PRAHA spol. s r.o. is one of the most important companies organizing exhibitions and fairs in the Czech Republic. Every year, Incheba Praha organizes about thirty exhibitions and fairs, all of them taking place at the Holesovice Fairground in Prague. For more information and a list of current exhibitions and fairs, please visit www.incheba.cz.

BVV Trade Fairs Brno is one of the most prominent trade fair organizers in Central and Eastern European countries. Its core business activity is organizing trade fairs and exhibitions at the Brno exhibition centre and providing exhibition services. For more information and a list of current exhibitions and fairs, please visit www.bvv.cz/en/.

August 18 – 20, 2013

Styl International Fashion Fair

Designer and fashion industry exhibition

Venue: Exhibition Grounds Brno

Organizer: Veletrhy Brno

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Email: info@bvv.cz

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An expo focusing on renewable sources of energy

Venue: Exhibition Grounds Ceske Budejovice

Organizer: Vystaviste Ceske Budejovice

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Email: info@vcb.cz

Web: www.vcb.cz

Organizer: Progres Partners Advertising

Phone: +420 224 213 905

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Web: www.ppa.cz

September 6 – 7, 2013

World of Beauty & Spa Autumn Expo

Beauty and health industry

Venue: Prague Exhibition Center Letnany

Organizer: Incheba Praha

Phone: +420 220 103 111

Email: info@incheba.cz

Web: www.incheba.cz

August 29 – September 3, 2013

International Cooperative Systems Exhibition

Tradeshow addressing the requirements of sectors such as agriculture, forestry, construction and cooperatives.

Venue: Exhibition Grounds Ceske Budejovice

Organizer: Vystaviste Ceske Budejovice

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August 29 – September 3, 2013

Bread Basket

Tradeshow dealing with various aspects of agriculture

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Organizer: Vystaviste Ceske Budejovice

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September 6 – 7, 2013

The Green World

Showground for exhibitors who want to enter the Czech market

Venue: Exhibition Grounds Brno

Organizer: Veletrhy Brno

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August 29 – September 3, 2013

Eco-Style

September 5 – 7, 2013

Collector Fair

International Fair for Stamps, Coins and Accessories

Venue: Exhibitions Grounds Prague Holesovice

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CzechTrade

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The Czech Trade Promotion Agency CzechTrade was established by the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic in May 1997. CzechTrade's main objective is to promote international trade and cooperation between Czech and foreign companies. CzechTrade's professional information, assistance and consulting services accompany

Czech exporters to foreign markets. The agency is a contact partner for firms entering the Czech market, seeking interesting and reliable business partners and suppliers.

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CzechInvest

CzechInvest was established in 1992 by the Ministry of Industry and Trade and is the investment and business development agency of the Czech Republic whose services and development programs contribute to attracting foreign investment and to developing Czech companies. CzechInvest provides the following services free-of-charge: Comprehensive services for investors - full information assistance, handling of investment incentives, business property identification, location of Czech suppliers, aftercare services; Business infrastructure development; Access to structural funds.

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