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BE Group grows with acquisition in the Czech Republic

BE Group AB is strengthening its position in the Czech steel market with its first acquisition in Central Europe, of the privately owned company Czechprofile s. r. o. The planned merger of Czechprofile and BE Group's Czech subsidiary is expected to yield business synergies and minor cost reductions.

Czechprofile reported sales of about SEK 140 million and operating profit of SEK 2.9 million for the 2006 financial year. Ownership of the company will be transferred in January 2008. The acquisition is expected to have an immediate and favourable impact on BE Group's operating profit.

BE Group President and CEO Håkan Jeppsson remarks:

“We are very pleased to have taken the first step in implementing our acquisition strategy in Central Europe. Czechprofile is not only a strategic addition to our operations in the Czech Republic. In geographical terms, the company is also ideally situated to supply products to southern Poland.”

Czechprofile was founded in 1996 and does business in the market for both flat and long steel products. Total distribution volume in 2006 was about 25,000 tonnes.

“The company's focus on the service business and long products, for which margins are higher, is a perfect complement to our own product range,” says Jeppsson.

Czechprofile's operations, which have a strong position in the southeastern regions of the country, are run from three facilities. The company has two warehouses located in Uherske Hradiste along with the head office, as well as a combined production and warehouse facility in Prerov, where BE Group is already represented. Czechprofile has 40 employees.

The acquired company will be merged with BE Group Czech Republic, which is expected to yield certain purchasing synergies. Milan Vasut, BE Group's managing director in the Czech Republic, will be the managing director of the merged company.



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