



# Kiswire is bringing bead wire plant to Europe

KISWIRE, AN INTERNATIONAL PRODUCER OF STEEL WIRES AND ROPES, IS INVESTING IN A PRODUCTION FACILITY NEAR ŽATEC, CZECH REPUBLIC. THE NEW PRODUCTION LINE WILL CONCENTRATE ON MANUFACTURING TIRE REINFORCEMENT, BEAD WIRE AND STEEL CORDS. IT WILL BE THE FIRST KISWIRE'S BEAD WIRE PLANT OF THIS KIND IN EUROPE.

Kiswire is engaged in the production of steel wires and ropes for various use, such as springs, tire reinforcement, wires for high voltage distribution, crane and bridge ropes, ropes for pre-stressing of concrete structures, etc. This new plant, situated in the industrial zone Žatec Triangle, will create more than 500 jobs in Czech Republic.

## Capacity increase

After its completion, the complex should take up 85,000 m<sup>2</sup>. At the moment the first part of the project, a 20,000 m<sup>2</sup> building, is being tested for operation. The production of steel cord will contribute to the company production capacity increase in the European market. At the same time, it will serve as a possible backup for the production plant in Hungary.

## Project completion from A to Z

The whole Kiswire project is carried out by Bilfinger Tebodin, based on an EPCm contract. 'We process the project from A to Z - from concept study through building permit, tender

documentation up to construction management and test operation', say Project Managers Pavel Chmelík and Petr Pěkný. 'Generally, EPCm projects are specific. We are one of the few companies in the market who offers EPCm services, and that is why we have been selected by Kiswire. More than 50 people worked on the project. We managed to integrate the construction management team already in the phase of the construction supplier selection, which was unique. Currently we are also involved in the second phase of the project.

## Offering everything we lack

Mr. Václav Skála, one of the Executive Directors of Kiswire Cord Czech: 'Our company doesn't have employees specialized in building design and construction. We have chosen Bilfinger Tebodin because they

managed to offer everything we lack. We have provided the necessary technological input and our own coordination of processing equipment installation. The consultants and engineers offered all necessary permitting services, and coordinated the design and construction management part of the project. At the moment we have invested about CZK 500 million (1.957.330 Euro) in the first phase of the project. However, after completing the whole premises complex, excluding technologies, we expect the sum to amount up to 2 billion.' ■

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