

European valve manufacturer – ABO – expands its production facilities



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The Czech Republic based valve manufacturer - ABO - who is the largest producer of butterfly and check valves for industrial applications in Central Europe, is scheduled to open a new 2000 square meters production facility in Europe and a 1000 square meter valve service centre in Russia in January of 2015.



Current ABO facilities in Olomouc-Chomoutov will grow by another 2000 square meters as a new production hall will be put in operation in January of 2015. The new factory will house coating facilities, special welding workstations, a valve testing center and a modern assembly line, compliant to standards of "lean production". Obtaining new production capacities will allow ABO to install and implement state of the art technology for production of high-performance butterfly valves.



New technologies will be applied to modernize and increase production efficiency. Some of the technologies to be named include: multi-gantry 5-axis machining center, 2 new mid-size CNC machining centers, 3D CNC coordinate measuring machines, and a semi-automatic welding and coating apparatus. ABO is further optimizing its stock management via KARDEX - an automated storage system. All these factors combined will lead to an estimated increase in capacity of production of 30 %.



New facility is expected to start operating as of January 15th, 2015. Total Investment in new machinery exceeds EUR 2 million, and will partly be covered through EU funding (Program for Entrepreneurship and Innovation).

Expansion of production space is a response to the continuous global growth of ABO sales, and its expansion of branch network worldwide. ABO has re-reopened its office in



the Ukraine in the eastern city of Dnepropetrovsk this year, and also has established a new branch in the Middle East in Bahrain. Amid recent turmoil in the Russian economy, the ABO Russian branch has newly established a valve automation and service center with total area of almost 1000 square meters in the city of Smolensk. Opening of this service center is scheduled for the second half of January of 2015.

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About ABO company

ABO valve, s.r.o. is the largest producer of butterfly and check valves for industrial applications in the Czech Republic. The headquarters, as well as the production facility, is located in the Moravian city of Olomouc, Czech Republic. Through a net of branches ABO exports its products to more than 50 countries all over the world. ABO offers a wide product range of butterfly valves for general and industrial applications, including double and triple offset high performance valves, knife-gate valves, ball and safety valves for the most demanding applications. ABO production facilities are certified in accordance to ISO 9001 quality system, furthermore, several valve series have been awarded European and international certificates such as TUV, GOSTR, Lloyd's Register, ABS, DVGW and also API 609-0068. More information can be found on www.abovalve.com.

