

Visit of First Deputy Prime Minister of Serbia Aleksandar Vucic

On the National Day of Serbia, the 16th of February 2014, the leader of the Serbian Progressive Party and First Deputy Prime Minister of Serbia Aleksandar Vucic visited Metech.



During the tour, we were briefly introduced the company:

Metech DOO is a specialized company for providing total concept services in processing of thin metal sheets to third parties. From 16 employees in 2005, Metech has grown into a company of 37 employees in 2008 and turnover of 800.000 €. Over the past years Metech has invested around 8 million € in people, education, equipment and land. The Metech production is 95% export-oriented. Our customers are world famous companies like Atlas Copco, Siemens, Tyco, Philips, Nokia, Agfa, Xeikon, ..



In 2012 Mr. Eduard Rutten, Mr. Vojislav Jovanovic and the City of Smederevo founded the Free Zone of Smederevo. That contributed to new job opportunities and opened the possibility for investors to come and examine the conditions of doing business in Serbia. The first parts were delivered to Europe in an easier and more efficient manner.



We presented our future development plans, but also the problems our company faces by operating in this market. For the next period, Metech's strategy consists of securing customers with a growing number of complex products with lot of assembly and wiring. In 2014 Metech has over 200 employees with a budgeted turnover of 10.200.000 €. Our plan is to invest an additional 1.000.000 € and to employ 50 more people by the end of 2014.



Although the opening of the Free Zone brought many benefits, it is necessary to remove potential obstacles when it comes to bureaucracy. These disturbances are particular related to custom clearance of raw materials. Problems also occur due to frequent changes in staff at the

Free Zone of Smederevo, resulting in loss of time concerning preparation of exports, frequent inspection visits, ...

However, management strongly believes that these obstacles can be overcome through constant communication and continuous cooperation with the City Administration, which must result in a more efficient working flow.



On the 26th of February, we have a meeting with the new Belgian Ambassador in Serbia, H.E. Leo D'aes, and we will discuss about opportunities for improvement in Serbia.