

New production facility for almost 700 employees opens in Košice

An Australian company Howe opened a new production facility in Immopark Košice. Howe is one of the leading world producers of leather materials for prestigious automobile brands. This production facility will provide working opportunities for almost 700 people.

The new production facility spreading over 16.000 square meters was ceremonially opened on 19 October 2015 by Howe's and Erste Group Immorent's representatives and mayor of Košice, Richard Raši. It is one of the largest transactions in Slovak industrial market concluded in 2014.



"We had the pleasure of working with Erste Group Immorent on our new production facility at Immopark Košice. The service provided has been second to none, from conception through to completion the team at Erste Group Immorent have been totally professional and pro-active in delivering our new world class facility. We chose Kosice for this new facility as the city has been a great supporter of our company for the past 10 years and we look forward to continuing our growth with this community, the city of Košice fosters a business environment that enables companies like ours to be successful and we look forward to contributing to a brighter future together." CEO Nick Filipovič, Howe Automotive Ltd.

"We are pleased that Howe chose Immopark Košice for its new production facility. It proves to Immopark as well as the inhabitants of Košice that a quality locality with excellent transport connections and estates with new utility networks are indispensable if a project of this size is to be built within ten months," said Petr Malík, Executive Head of Erste Group Immorent Slovensko.

"I am glad that a couple of years ago Erste Group Immorent chose Košice for its business plan and built here a modern industrial park. It is extraordinarily important for further development of the city. We welcome every investment that generates business activities of renowned and respectable companies in our city and region that are interested in long-term activities here. We also welcome every investment that creates new working opportunities and suitable working conditions for inhabitants of Košice and the surrounding communities. The Immopark project is successful in achieving this goal; both the inhabitants of the city and the investor benefit greatly," added Richard Raši, mayor of Košice.

The Immopark Košice project is a modern industrial park that will offer more than 250.000 square meters of logistical, industrial as well as office space. Erste Group Immorent Slovensko is the developer of the project. In addition to the logistical companies Dachser and Raben, the park is a seat to other automobile industry producers such as the French Faurecia and the Japanese U-Shin. Howe will have a separate production facility, one of the largest on the site.



Erste Group Immorent (EGI), as part of Erste Group, is a specialist in the area of development, real estate and infrastructure financing. In Slovakia, the company invested in Immopark in Košice and in Immopark in Žilina. In Košice, EGI has two halls available with the entire area for lease of 20 thousand square metres. In Žilina a new hal with area of Ca. 3.000 square metres was opened for DPD in November 2014.

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