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SŽDC Has Spent CZK 215 Million for Repair and Construction Works in the First Year of Railway Stations Administration

Just a year ago, a long-awaited transfer of railway stations under SŽDC took place. For the first year of the railway stations administration, the state organization has spent over CZK 215 million for repairs, building modifications or project preparations. There are fully completed 149 construction projects worth nearly CZK 110 million. Dozens of larger or smaller repairs are in progress. The transformation, for instance, took place at the stations in Kostomlaty nad Labem, Dobříš, or Rakovník. In August, the last stage of the reconstruction of Náchod railway station will have been completed. Passengers are using a new railway station in Karlovy Vary or Česká Lípa.

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The disparity between repairs and more extensive reconstructions in the first year of the station administration is due to the fact that České dráhy (Czech Railways) had not have prepared, with a few exceptions, any construction project. Moreover, SŽDC has different ideas about the scale and nature of the reconstruction and revitalization of railway stations.

“This is why there are repairs scheduled to be done this year for almost 600 million crowns. Another 57 million crowns are going to commence more extensive reconstructions of seven railway stations. This year, we will also spend 90 million crowns for the project preparation of almost seventy railway stations. In the coming years, we expect a significant increase in the volume of investment funds in reconstructions”, explains Mr. Tomáš Drmola, Deputy DG for Assets Management of SŽDC.

The purchase of the part of assets of České dráhy, which included 1,569 buildings and 1,385,000 square meters of land in nearly 950 locations of passenger stations, was undoubtedly a long-awaited event of the year 2016. České dráhy sold it for 3.31 billion crowns. The transaction did not concern the main station in Brno and Prague Masaryk Station. By the end of last year, the entire process of

purchasing of the part of the firm was successfully completed even in terms of necessary legislative formalities.

Six regionally operating Passenger Stations' Administrations are responsible for management of railway stations in the SŽDC structure. They are situated in Prague, Plzeň, Ústí nad Labem, Hradec Králové, Olomouc and Brno. Funds are allocated according to the current state of the building, need for acute repairs, density of rail transport, frequency of passengers, number of structures and other factors. Repairs take place across the entire republic.

In the past year and in the first half of this year, minor repairs were made as for instance a replacement of windows and doors, repairs of shelters, roofing and facades. Additionally, passenger compartments such as waiting room interiors, station halls, and social facilities are being adapted. The most common were replacements of fillings. There are dozens of repairs as for instance in Hradec Králové, Dvůr Králové nad Labem, Raspenava, Hrubá Skála, Bílá Třemešná, Dobruška, Stará Paka, Všetaty, Staňkov, Stará Role, Olomouc-Nová Ulice, Suchdol nad Odrou or Hranice na Moravě. A new or repaired facade was made at railway stations in Ivančice, Nový Jičín, Háj ve Slezsku, Rumburk, Ústí nad Labem západ, Boletice nad Labem, Stráž nad Ohří and others.

The first stations that have been repaired in a larger and more comprehensive range are the ones in Dobříš for 2.7 million crowns, Kostomlaty nad Labem for 3.2 million crowns and in Rakovník for more than 4 million crowns.

This year, SŽDC will start reconstructing the railway stations in Břeclav, Kuřim, Hradec Králové, Turnov, Lipník nad Bečvou, Přerov and Sokolov. The estimated total investment costs for the launched reconstructions are approximately CZK 211 million and about 57 million will be invested out of this amount this year. The final stage of the reconstruction of Náchod railway station for about 14 million crowns is before completion.

The actual implementation of the constructions had to be preceded by updates of project documentation, which SŽDC purchased from České dráhy.

The year 2018 will already be marked by major renovations. SŽDC finalizes the preparation of the Program for the reconstruction and revitalization of passenger stations for the years 2018-2022, which will be presented by the station administrator at the end of the summer holidays.

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