

LEADING CONFECTIONARY MANUFACTURER SELECTS LOCK AND DATIS

I.D.C. Holding a.s, the largest confectionary and long life pastry manufacturer in Slovakia has standardized on metal detectors from UK based Lock Inspection Systems.

With annual turnover of EUR 83 million and volume exceeding 30,000 tons of products per year, I.D.C. has established itself as a formidable force in the V4 (Visegrad) countries of Slovakia, Czech Republic, Poland and Hungary. Leading brands include Sedita, Figaro, Bombi, Baili and Verbena, with products ranging from biscuits, chocolate bars, hard-boiled sweets and lollipops to cereal bars.

Production of confectionary began more than 100 years ago at the Figaro plant based in Trnava and pastry products have been manufactured at Pečivárne Sered for more than 50 years.

Modern history dates back to 1992, when I.D.C. s.r.o. was founded in Prague. The factory at Pečivárne Sered was privatised in the same year and national enterprise Figaro Trnava a year later. In 1997 I.D.C. s.r.o. was transformed into a joint stock company.

Operating in a very competitive market with 3 of the world's leading food producers nearby, I.D.C. took the decision to acquire quality certificates that included the British Retail Consortium (BRC Global Standard) and International Food Standard (IFS) for both Figaro Trnava and Pečivárne Sered production sites.

This required I.D.C. to undertake a major programme to install twenty-four multi-frequency metal detectors from Lock on every production line across the two production sites. The units have the ability to achieve the highest level of sensitivity at high frequency on dry products in polypropylene film, whilst maintaining the flexibility to inspect metallised film at a lower frequency. The machines are all equipped with a full failsafe package to comply with BRC requirements.

Lock's metal detectors were subjected to a year long trial against two major competitors with the clear brief to deliver the highest level of sensitivity, maximum reliability and the best levels of service support. Milan Kamenár, Investment Manager commented; "The performance and reliability of the Lock detectors was very impressive. We also receive excellent service support and regular calibration visits from Datis Smart".

Presov based company owner Damian Svit established Datis Smart to provide premium quality control equipment and service support to the food and pharmaceutical industry. Product portfolio includes checkweighers from Packital, opto-electronic sorting from Radix, x-ray systems from InspX, TapTone packaging inspection systems and metal detection from Lock.

Websites:

Lock Inspection Systems www.lockinspection.co.uk

Datis Smart www.datis.sk

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