

CHOCOLATE DELIGHT FOR LOCK

The Kraft Foods production site based in the Slovak capital of Bratislava is a major chocolate manufacturer whose key brands include Terry's Chocolate Orange, Milka, Figaro and Côte D'or.

The history of the Figaro factory goes back to the 19th century when German confectionery company Stollwerck built a new branch. They started with the production of candies and desserts, but soon chocolate became the most prominent product. Figaro was nationalised in 1968 by the government.

Kraft entered the Czechoslovak market in 1992 purchasing shares in Figaro, as the state began a programme of privatisation. Today up to 35,000 tons of chocolate are produced per year and the factory employs on average 500 people. They distribute to customers in the UK, Germany, Netherlands, Hungary, Slovakia and Czech Republic.

A total of fifteen metal detectors have been purchased from Lock Inspection Systems. The latest range of detectors are high frequency units designed to optimise sensitivity performance on dry products. Kraft has taken out a yearly calibration contract from local agent Datis Smart, to ensure all detectors are fully checked and monitored.

Peter Minarovič, Continuous Improvement Manager commented "We have worked with Lock for many years and have a number of their units, both old and new. We enjoy a high level of service support from Datis Smart and they are very responsive – even if we require assistance at night."

With annual revenues of approximately \$48 billion, Kraft Foods is a global powerhouse in snacks, confectionery and quick meals. The company is the world's second largest food producer, making delicious products for billions of consumers in more than 160 countries.

Websites:

Kraft Foods www.kraftfoodscompany.com

Lock Inspection Systems www.lockinspection.co.uk

Datis Smart www.datis.sk