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PAIIZ best investments of 2014
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„Welcome to the optimistic part of Europe. It’s a pleasure to be the third European country in terms of number of new jobs created by foreign investors”, said PAIiZ president Sławomir Majman while opening the award ceremony.

As in previous years, investors were awarded in three main categories: “Investment with the biggest value”, “Investment with the biggest number of new jobs” and “Investment in new technologies”. Also special prize of “Lifetime Achievement” was given.

This year, two main awards - “The Investment with the biggest value of 2014” as well “The Investment with the biggest number of new jobs of 2014” went to Volkswagen. At the beginning of 2014, VW decided to launch a production of a Crafter van in company’s new plant in Września near Poznań. To do that, VW invested an impressive amount of €800m and declared the creation of 2,300 new jobs there. The award regarding the biggest value of investment was received by Szymon Trzebiatowski, Chairman for Finances & Organisation in Volkswagen Poznań from undersecretary of state in the Ministry of Economy Mariusz Haładyj while undersecretary of state in the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy Marek Bucior honoured the company by the “New Jobs” award.

Among the nominees of “The Investment with the biggest value of 2014” category there were: General Motors Manufacturing Poland and Michelin Polska. While the list of nominees in “The Investment with the biggest number of new jobs of 2014” included: Voss Automotive Polska and Lufthansa Global Business Services.

Originated in Poland, Open R&D and two American companies: Wabco as well as Eagle Investment Systems were nominated to “The Best Investment in The New Technologies of 2014” category. Finally, the award for 2014 went to Wabco. Katarzyna Kacperczyk, undersecretary of state in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, handed the award to the Wabco’s Value Stream Leader, Piotr Sroka. In the company’s R&D center in Wrocław, 95 new jobs will be created. The centre focuses on the development of technology related to the improvement of control system for safety and efficiency of trucks, coaches and cars.

PAIiZ honoured General Electric giving the company the special prize for the „Lifetime Achievement”. GE has been operating in Poland for more than two decades. There are 5 GE centers operating in Poland. They are located in Kłodzk, Łódź, Bielsko-Biała, and Dzierżonów. The company also owns research laboratories, including GE EDC, which was established together with the Institute of Aviation. Additionally, at the beginning of 2014, GE Healthcare in Kraków has been opened to sell medical equipment. The award was received by director of government affairs and EU policy in GE Central, Angieszka Jankowska from PAIiZ president Sławomir Majman.

Additionally, this year PAIiZ introduced a new prize “Foreign Expansion Award” for leading Polish exporters. The first “Foreign Expansion Award” went to SMT Software operating in IT sector. Sławomir Brodziński, undersecretary of state in the Ministry of the Environment gave the award to the president of the SMT Software Services, Sebastian Łęka. The second company nominated in this category was Integer Group - InPost.

“2014 has slightly spoiled us. The Agency successfully completed 50 investment projects, which can create even 30.000 new jobs”, commented PAIiZ president Sławomir Majman. The preliminary data show that the total value of investment projects completed in 2014 with the support of PAIiZ doubled comparing to the same period last year and reached over €1.8billion. (PAIiZ)



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