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YANKEE CANDLE





KEY FACTS

- The first foreign manufacturing plant owned by the company; it covers an area of six soccer pitches
- Total investment in construction amounting to CZK 1.26 bn
- As many as 400 jobs in the near future
- Construction took 8 months
- Construction was completed in January 2016
- 7 to 10 production lines
- Planned annual production of up to 190 million candles
- Planned annual wax consumption of 9,000 tonnes
- About 20 km of PRAFla® halogen-free flame retardant cables made by PRAKAB
- About 40 km of PVC building cables made by PRAKAB

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The company Yankee Candle is an American producer of scented candles and air fresheners for cars and home. YANKEE CANDLE has been bringing fragrances to our lives since 1969, when the then 16-year-old Mike Kittredge decided to make his first candle from a melted crayon as a present for his mother. To date the entire production has been taking place in a home factory in Massachusetts. However, the company has been exporting its products to the old continent for several years.

PROJECT

The constantly growing demand from European customers led the company management to make a decision on building a new production plant right in the heart of Europe, in the Czech Republic, near Most, a North-Bohemian city. The YANKEE CANDLE manager Hope Margala points out that she believes it is a historical milestone since it is the very first foreign branch. Scented candles from Most will be supplied to markets not only in Europe, but also in the Middle East and Africa.



Bill Burke from the American concern Newell Brands, which owns the brand YANKEE CANDLE, said in reference to the selection of the new location that the company had chosen the Most Region because of its industrial tradition, good infrastructure and support from authorities.

CONTRACT

The prerequisite for the proper and flawless operation of any modern production facility consists in the reliable supply of electric and information. Candle making is no exception, and the requirements for cables are high; all the more so because non-stop operation in three shifts – 365 days a year – is envisaged in this first foreign production plant. The investor has bet on the traditional Czech cable manufacturer; 20 km of CYKY cables made by PRAKAB have been installed in the plant equipment. Modern production, however, does not rely only on high-quality production lines; modern production deals with the occupational hygienic conditions and fire safety of the entire operation. In both areas, you can find PRAKAB cables as an inherent part of the technological design. An additional 20 km of PVC building cables have been installed in high-performance luminaries.

The absolutely highest requirements for cables in this facility concern, however, their fire safety. Here the investor has also opted for the proven PRAFla® products and installed about 20 km of them in the building; 12 km of them were installed under the roof and lead to the roof smoke extraction fans, which are intended as outlets of heat and smoke in case of fire. The installation of PRAFla® cables in the “sprinkler room”, which is powered by an autonomous diesel unit, is worth mentioning; in case of fire, it can supply power independently for up to an hour, thus providing fire extinguishing for the building in a fire.