**AGC Flat Glass Czech - Press release**

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**After two-billion reconstruction, AGC Teplice launched the furnace again**

**Teplice** – today, after reconstruction lasting almost two-years, the company AGC Flat Glass Czech in Teplice-Řetenice fired-up again the burners of the R1 production line. Due to this more than two billion investment in an improvement of production line, the company will be able to increase the flat glass production, intended for the automotive industry. In this environmental more friendly plant, 80 new working positions have been created.

"The reconstruction of R1 production line will allow us to increase the flat-glass production for automotive industry, where the demand is continuously increasing. At present, this investment may be ranked among the greatest ones within the AGC Group. We are proud of the fact, that this investment was realized in Czech Republic - and namely in Teplice," said Mr Pavel Šedlbauer, Chairman of AGC Flat Glass Czech and vice-chairman of AGC Flat Glass Europe. The first glass from this new line should come in the second half of April. Its daily capacity should be 500 tons of glass.

The reconstructed line - one of three ones within the Řetenice plant - will be one of most up-to-date equipment of its kind in the glass industry. "The energy intensity of glass production will be decreased, as well as the emissions of carbon oxides, nitrogen, sulphur and dust particles will be reduced significantly," said Mr Jiří Jangl, Manager of Řetenice plant. This investment into these economy technologies was also donated by ES's funds LIFE+ and SILC. This donation enabled, for example, the installation of the recovering device, which uses the residual heat for warming-up the gases for heating of glass furnace.

In the Czech Republic, AGC Group investment into the glass producing plants was more than 20 billion CZK. On the present, for example, also the expansion of AGC Automotive plant in Chudeřice near Bílina with the costs of more than CZK 100 million is in progress. Besides the Řetenice and Chudeřice plants, AGC Group is in possession of four other production plants in Czech Republic.