

Varroc Lighting Systems have opened a new manufacturing plant in the Moravian-Silesian region of Czechia. The 7,200-m² factory has an annual production capacity of about 1 million pieces—initially rear lights and fog lamps—and meets the highest standards in production logistics, automation and safety. Varroc Lighting Senior VP of Global Product Development Todd Morgan and Czech Prime Minister Andrej Babiš were on hand for the ribbon-cutting ceremony (photo).



The new plant is one of the most modern, specialised workplaces not only regionally, but in the whole country. Designated M8 by Varroc and built to the "industry 4.0" trend, it brings together automated lines and employees' intelligence. M8 was designed to achieve the highest levels of efficiency and cleanliness standards, while still allowing flexibility and variability of production. Varroc's Morgan says "Technology is rapidly accelerating in lighting, and we are now developing products with integrated sensors and cameras to support autonomous vehicles. This added complexity requires our engineering and manufacturing teams to collaborate more than ever." He went on to say that Varroc's Czech-based Global Engineering Centre of Excellence, together with the company's largest manufacturing facilities, will facilitate the "opportunity to develop cutting edge technology at a competitive cost".

Varroc expect M8 will reach full production capacity in one year.