

## WOOJIN PLAImm

South Korean injection moulding machine manufacturer furthers its European business / RenoStav acquires large-scale machine for automotive parts



RenoStav's new injection moulding machine (Photo: Woojin Plaimm)

South Korean injection moulding machine manufacturer **Woojin Plaimm** (Europe: Leobersdorf / Austria; [www.woojinplaimm.com/global/en](http://www.woojinplaimm.com/global/en)) has reported the delivery of a large-scale injection moulding machine with a clamping force of 18,000 kN to **RenoStav** (Zábreh na Morave / Czech Republic; [www.renostav.cz](http://www.renostav.cz)), a supplier of parts for the automotive and E&E industries. This means that half of the twenty injection moulding machines at RenoStav stem from Woojin Plaimm production. The Czech company's customers include **Siemens, VW, Ford, Magna** and **Varroc**. In 2016, it posted sales of nearly EUR 6m with a workforce of 150.

Woojin Plaimm is, by its own admission, forging its expansion in the direction of Europe and North America. Since 2014, it has had a research and development site in Leobersdorf / Austria. Apart from

that, the company has been expanding its network of sales offices, which formerly consisted only of a partnership in the Czech Republic. In 2016, it also concluded cooperation agreements in the UK and Slovakia. At the beginning of 2017, France, Italy, Romania and Spain were added to the list. Since May, the company has also had a partnership in Germany with **Nortec Maschinentchnik** (Soltau / Germany; [www.nortec.biz](http://www.nortec.biz)).

Woojin Plaimm's model range comprises machines with clamping forces of between 300 kN and 40,000 kN, and it has plenty of room for further growth. At present, the company manufactures up to 2,000 injection moulding machines a year, but the plant built in 2014 at the site in Boeun-gun / South Korea offers the possibility, according to Woojin Plaimm, to produce three times that number. Under the management of founder and president *Ick Whan Kim*, Woojin Plaimm posted sales of USD 205m (EUR 185m) in 2016.

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