

GOSTOL – GOPAN celebrates its 60th anniversary

Gostol-Gopan celebrates its enviable 60th anniversary of foundation, i.e. from the very beginning of its business activities. It is even older than the town of Nova Gorica in which it is located. Nova Gorica will celebrate its 60th anniversary not earlier than the next year. During this period Gostol-Gopan underwent pleasant and successful, but also hard times. Gostol-Gopan's managing staff and workers, who followed them, never surrendered, and together they always succeeded in saving the very heart of the company acting very successfully nowadays. But this year they will also find some time to divert themselves a little, in spite of quite a lot of work (fully occupied capacities).

In the present year the Gostol-Gopan company celebrates its 60th anniversary, although in this period the company changed many organizational forms and names, while the very heart of machine building remains, and it is becoming now even stronger.

Gostol-Gopan's first form appeared in the year 1947 more exactly on October 26, 1947 the foundation of District mechanical company SOLKAN (the first company's name) was written into the court registers. Mr. Josip Štrukelj was the company founder. He had his original workshop in the neighbouring town of Gorizia (Italy), and then he decided to give his machines and equipment as a present to the young industry having come into existence in the town of Nova Gorica (Ex-Yugoslavia, now Slovenia). Up to the present times the company changed some names, it was growing and going up more and more. In certain time the company employed even more than 1500 workers, it was pushed through hard and serious times in the 1990's – due to the reduction of the local market to about ten of the previous all large industries in Slovenia were falling into decay, and because of the cruel market economy that could not be absorbed instantly,...

Positive is the fact that in Gostol-Gopan they were contending with difficulties in those critical times, they saved working places, they estimated which parts of the company were vital and they were later kept. Nowadays, after 15 years of the most severe crisis, they stand firmly and well, they are becoming stronger and stronger, their activities are spreading and the market is acquainted with the trade-mark GOSTOL. Their market is practically the whole world. Gostol's machines and equipment are in operation on all continents – they perform kneading, moulding, proofing and baking operations for daily food – bread.

In Gostol – Gopan they have taken a decision to lay great stress on this year, and to celebrate it, in spite of plenty of work charged by their buyers. The first event in the most beautiful springtime month will be the exhibition opening on Gostol-Gopan's history and the edition of Gostol's bulletin on the occasion of the 60th anniversary.