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Company's Profile - Something from history

Glass production in [Světlá nad Sázavou](#) already has a tradition for number of centuries, because the region around Světlá nad Sázavou offered from ancient times everything that primitive glass production needed. There was especially enough silica and wood available for heating the glass ovens and refining the ash, in the form of potash, which was added to the glass batch.

The establishment of glass refining on a new basis dates from 1861 when [Josef Schreiber](#), a businessman from Vienna, with Viennese glass, **founded the first great grinding plant** in Světlá nad Sázavou. This factory was supplied with glass from neighboring glass works, and within a period of ten years it employed about 80 personnel.

The company „[Sklo Bohemia](#)“ follows this great tradition and is developing it further. The basic stone of production area was laid in 1967 and already after three years the testing operation of glass work was established. Completed building, whose investor was national enterprise [Sklárny Bohemia Poděbrady](#) n.p. [n.p. = národní podnik / Volkseigentum] was finished in 1973.

Especially after the change of social relations in 1989 the enterprise took part in a series of changes, that on the 1st of January 1994 led to the creation of the share company „[Sklo Bohemia](#)“ a.s.

Present status of the company: At the present time „[Sklo Bohemia](#)“ belongs to the most prominent producers world-wide of **lead crystal glass**. It is a modern, dynamically developing company, which employs **1.600 workers**.

The production program includes hundreds of sorts of **household glassware and stemware produced by pressing and blowing technologies**, either cut or uncut. Much care is devoted to **traditional manual production** and to **classical hand cutting**. The greatest dynamics is reached in the development of **automatic production**. The company endeavors to react resiliently to latest trends of the market. **80 % of all production of the company is established for export** to countries with a developed market economy. It is most successfully established in the USA, Great Britain, Spain Italy and in Japan. Export ensures company „[Bohemia Crystalex Trading](#)“.

Business strategy of the company is oriented towards the long term perspective, prosperity and development. We endeavor always to deliver products so that they accomplish the newest aesthetic, utility and price criteria in the given territory. We are prepared to cooperate with customers in creation of new products and deliver a „made to measure“ product for a concrete purpose.

Work with people: The extension and improvement of production cannot be realized without skilled workers. It

is devoted to great care for the choice and development of personnel. The accent is laid not only on education of people, but also on the ability to work in a team, on flexibility, organization skills ...

<http://www.radio.cz/de/nachrichten/108773>
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Glas- und Kristallfabrik „Sklo Bohemia“ stellt Produktion ein - 1.250 Entlassungen

Die Glas- und Kristallfabrik „Sklo Bohemia“ in **Světlá nad Sázavou** südöstlich von Prag stellt ihre Produktion ein. Das sagten am Montag Angestellte der Firma nach Verhandlungen mit der Firmenleitung. Das Management habe der Mehrheit der Angestellten mitgeteilt, dass sie am Dienstag nicht mehr zur Arbeit kommen sollten. Die Gewerkschaften fordern ein Eingreifen des Staates. Finanzminister Kalousek lehnte dies jedoch erneut ab, da dies dem Steuerzahler und der Konkurrenz gegenüber nicht fair sei. Seit einigen Monaten kämpft „Sklo Bohemia“ mit dem sinkenden Absatz von Kristallwaren. Auch die globale Finanzkrise habe nach Ansicht von Finanzexperten den Niedergang der Firma beeinflusst. Von der Firmenschließung sind **1.250 Angestellte** betroffen. „Sklo Bohemia“ gehört zur hoch verschuldeten Firmengruppe „**Bohemia Crystalex Trading**“ (BCT).

<http://www.czech-netz.com/174/2008-0024/sklo-bohemia-closing.html> 30.09.2008

Sklo Bohemia Glass Factory To Be Closed (Economic News)

According to CTK, well known Czech **Sklo Bohemia** glass factory, a unit of heavily indebted **Bohemia Crystalex Trading (BCT)** group, located in **Světlá nad Sázavou**, Eastern Bohemia, will **terminate production** due to various difficulties. The majority of employees are to cease work today, only persons needed to stop plant operation do not leave their jobs yet.

The destiny of another BCT group unit - **Sklarny Bohemia** located in **Poděbrady**, Central Bohemia - is also unclear. This plant, which is now gradually cutting production, is also very likely to be closed in the nearest future and its stuff to be dismissed. Until now Sklarny Bohemia is **one of the largest employers** in Central Bohemia.

The **BCT group**, one of the largest world's glassmakers that employs in total more than **5.000 people**, has been heading for a fall for quite a long period of time. Among the main reasons of company's probable decline are unsettled loans made in the end of 1990s. According to Petr Sklenar, an economist of financial group Atlantik, the financial crisis raging in the world "was not the main cause of the collapse, but made it faster".

SG: Auf der Website von Sklo Bohemia, Světlá nad Sázavou, funktionierte im März 2009 nur noch die Frontseite und About us! Auf allen dahinter liegenden Seiten mit dem Sortiment fehlten die Bilder!

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