

Alexandr Vondra Appointed as Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

WASHINGTON, D.C. – September 15, 2006 – Alexandr Vondra, formerly the managing director of Dutko Worldwide’s Prague office, has accepted the appointment of Czech President Vaclav Klaus to serve as minister of foreign affairs of the Czech Republic.

“Czech Republic has come to a turning point at which I feel it is my duty to contribute and help my government move forward and make the right decisions,” Vondra said. Foreign Minister Vondra joins the new minority Civic Democrats (ODS) Cabinet headed by ODS Chairman Mirek Topolánek and pledges a foreign policy that will continue to be “balanced, rational, and transparent in harmony with Czech interests and commitments toward the allies.”

Dutko Worldwide’s Prague office, located in the “Heart of Europe,” provides strategic direction and consulting services for corporations and non-governmental organizations doing business or seeking to do business in the rapidly developing region of Central and Eastern Europe. “Setting up business in Prague was an extremely enriching experience for me,” Vondra said, adding, “I believe my team and I have given a strong start to a prosperous office that will continue to be important to the work of Dutko Global Advisors.”

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