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**eastern
slovakia**



Whirlpool, located in Poprad, (Eastern) Slovakia could become Europe's largest manufacturer of washing machines as early as next year.

"Today we are making over a million washing machines a year, and we are preparing to expand our capacity and broaden our product range," says Whirlpool Slovakia General director Errico Biondi.

Whirlpool Slovakia expects to produce over two million washing machines per year by 2005, double its present output.



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**INVESTMENT
TARGET**



**North American
Investment Roadshow**
May 17-21, 2004

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Over the past six months, Slovakia's investment potential has attracted world renowned business leaders, including Bill Gates and Steve Forbes who called SLOVAKIA THE WORLD'S NEXT HONG KONG OR IRELAND - A SMALL PLACE THAT IS AN ECONOMIC POWERHOUSE.



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"Eastern Slovakia - Investment Target" - a series of working sessions in selected Canadian and U.S. cities focused on promoting foreign direct investments (FDI) in Eastern Slovakia. Scheduled during the week of

May 17-21, 2004,

this is the third in a series of conferences, which began with the May 2003 Investment Roadshow in New York City, Chicago and Pittsburgh, continued with November 2003 in New York City and Detroit.

Place and time

The choice of locations for the sessions will be based on the registration feedback. Preliminary site selection includes Toronto (May 17-18, 2004), Detroit/Chicago (May 20, 2004) and New York City (May 21, 2004).

Final sites will be announced April 29, 2004 based upon your feedback by confirmation of your registration.

Slovakia's economic reforms place it in the forefront of the nations that will join the European Union in May 2004.

These are some of the reforms that are important to you as an investor:

- Single income tax rate 19%
- New Labor Code
- Zero Taxation of Dividends

Slovakia is becoming member of European Union and NATO in 2004.



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Fruitful discussion at the New York City session.

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Take this opportunity and register by filling out the Registration Form till April 22, 2004 at: www.usske.sk/edc

There is no participation fee.

