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- Trace Group Hold PLC will be 12 years old in November 2008. Its science-based mission in the field of construction has given it a strength of purpose which has focused effort and resource yet allowed related activities to be developed or brought in at appropriate times. The outcome has been an entity successfully competing at an international level, earning respect and influence nationally and internationally.
- Serving the aim to foster internecline working internally and collaborate widely externally the Holding has built a structure of world class standard where alongside the more conventional main body branch-related spin-out companies have and will continue to be developed so as to cover all key areas of construction industry and spaces in between. Links within this framework are being facilitated in a way that allows for today's efforts to feed the accomplishments of tomorrow and lead to the ultimate benefits.

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- A member of The Industrial Capital Association in Bulgaria, The Bulgarian Construction Chamber, The Chamber of Commerce and Industry and a major contractor for projects under The Ministry of Defense of RB, the Holding pursues to remain at the top tier of construction ventures, harness quality and breadth of capabilities.
- Consequential to its mission, the company has always sought and lead its activities in conformity with the strictest criteria which assess the importance of its work and proved to be enormously valuable in revitalizing urban infrastructure, constructing large-scale facilities, implementing projects for rehabilitation, reconstruction and construction of roads, highways, airports, underground railway stations, railroads, water-and gas-supply networks, thus providing suitable environments capable of supporting twenty-first century norm.

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ENGINEERING INFRASTRUCTURE

Capital repair, reconstruction and construction are being carried out under the Programme for Rehabilitation of Transit Roads in the Republic of Bulgaria co-financed by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Phare Programme, Sapard Programme, Republic's Road Infrastructure Fund, etc.

The road construction portfolio can be broken thus:

- Construction and repair of roads and highways;
- Construction, reconstruction and maintenance of urban infrastructure;
- Design and geodesy.

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Bridges and bridging facilities

- I The pursued extension in key scientific and engineering areas was given practical expression through the establishment of a subsidiary company – PSF-Mostengineering JSC – Yambol which is concentrated in the field of bridge erecting and whose complementary strengths bring synergy to our respective strategies.
- I The full scope of close-knit activities – from feasibility studies and assessment of construction through reconstruction and repair of bridge facilities to foundation, lower and upper structuring, structure strengthening, underground terraces and the like – is being performed in a flowing and seamless fashion thanks to the highly experienced personnel, up-to-date machinery and equipment, innovative technological methods and no less the enormous potential which the company enjoys.

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Water- and Gas-supply Systems

- The integration of novel technologies has improved the effectiveness and efficiency of the process of constructing water- and gas-supply systems whose implementation gained ground in the following directions:

Facilities for the Preservation of the Environment

- The Holding has placed sufficient resource in developing large-scale facilities for the preservation of the environment which turned it into a premier contractor of projects under the Ministry of Territorial Development and Welfare and the Ministry of Environment and Waters.

Public Service and Leisure Complexes

- The company has also positioned itself firmly in the domain of construction and reconstruction of public service and leisure complexes.

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Emergency and Recovery Activities

- | As the extent and timing of a natural disaster is ever uncertain, a clearer 'translational' approach towards the means of addressing it is a sine qua none. We are well aware of the need to respond quickly to any such detrimental trend and are careful to manage our emergency portfolio so that no distortion is introduced. Monitoring, supervising and conducting these works is performed in full coordination with Government and municipal agencies. We participate in:
 - | The rehabilitation of roads, bridges, water supply lines, sewage facilities;
 - | Erecting supporting walls and strengthening of landslides;
 - | Constructing sanitary zones around dams and potable water springs.

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SPECIAL PURPOSE FACILITIES

- | **Construction and Repair of Airports**
- | **Construction of firing grounds, buildings, military facilities, etc**

The merging of knowledge pathways and laboratory-based research enabled us to design and construct Graf Ignatievo Airport for merely three months employing novel technologies amongst which the following proved critical: manufacturing of polymer-modified bitumen and laying of polymer-modified asphalt-concrete, crack-blocking geosynthetic and state-of-the-art lighting system. Reconstruction was performed in accordance with the requirements of ICAO and STANAG.

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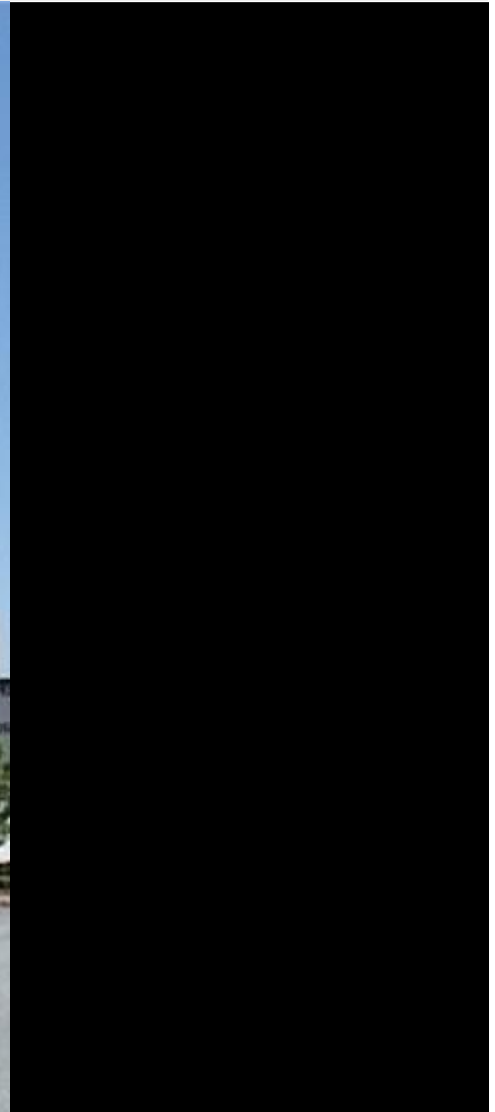
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HIGH CONSTRUCTION

- A complementary, but never marginal, directive has recently begun to gather momentum within the scope of our objectives which provided matter for the establishment of a special department to carry out the construction of modern communal, industrial and administrative buildings.



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- The Holding's mission is distinctive amongst similar statements through its reference to the application of training and the disposition of graduates' transferable skills effectively directing them towards a range of career paths in construction industry and commerce, thus encouraging the recruitment of the most able staff. It has a unique collection of skills and competences which can be utilized in ways which industry cannot achieve.
- The Holding always has many ideas waiting to be evaluated for possible commercial exploitation. One of the bottlenecks is *proof of concept* funding to enable an idea to progress beyond the very first abstract phase to a stage where business and financiers can engage and jointly serve domestic and foreign welfare alike.

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Our mission can be broken down into a series of intentions:

- Continue to embody and deliver world-class performance in every single aspect of our work;
- Be vigilant in maintaining our reputation and avoid anything which might cause confusion over what our brand stands for;
- Develop our already extensive partnerships and project-based collaborations;
- Promote the overriding principle of serving society and protecting the environment;

One of our principal assets is our name and although commercial recognition and individual benefit will remain important motivators for expanding and developing our field of work, the Holding expects to make a substantial capital return from its intellectual property which unlike real assets is constantly being regenerated thus providing frequent innovation and continued success.

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