

EDITORIAL

Obituary

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Vladimír Zvarík (1952-2025)

On February 3, 2025, after a long illness, Vladimír Zvarík—one of the main shareholders, a member of the Supervisory Board, a former member of the Board of Directors, and a former Production Director of Železiarne Podbrezová a.s.—passed away at the age of 73.

He joined Železiarne Podbrezová a.s. in 1975 after graduating from the Faculty of Metallurgy in Košice. He began his career as an assistant to the Head of Pipe-Drawing Plant 1, gradually advancing through the roles of technologist, head technologist, and head of the hot section of the pipe rolling mill. In 1981, he was appointed Head of Production, and in 1990, he became the Head of the Seamless Pipe Rolling Plant.

He served as Production Director for twenty years, from August 1, 1994, to July 31, 2014. From August 2014 onward, he worked as a specialist in the General Director's Department, later taking on roles as a specialist in production within the Strategic Management Department, a specialist in the Economic Director's Department, and finally as a specialist advisor in the Production Director's Department.

Vladimír Soták, Chairman of the Board of Directors and General Director of Železiarne Podbrezová a.s.: I had the privilege of spending 50 years working alongside Mr. Vladimír Zvarík, a period I consider highly successful. During those years, Železiarne Podbrezová a.s. evolved into a modern company with world-class product quality, of which we take great pride.

As Production Director, Mr. Zvarík played an instrumental role in all modernization and investment projects within the production sector. He was deeply passionate about his work in the ironworks, dedicating much of his time and energy to the company. A remarkable communicator, he remained actively engaged in factory life until his final moments.

I extend my deepest gratitude for his invaluable contributions to our company. Let us honour his memory.

Ing. Martin Domovec
Member of the Board of Directors
and Technical Director of ŽP Podbrezová a.s.