



## Dear Readers,

Brazil is a country of great hope and opportunity, full of success, but also many challenges. Many climate zones, a melting pot of nationalities and cultures. The land that fascinates many people around the world, situated not only in Brazil but also in neighbouring countries is Amazonia. The capital of the Brazilian Amazon is Manaus, the richest city in Brazil at the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, the seat of the first University in Brazil. It is thanks to rubber trees and latex rubber achieved from it and thanks to it the invention of vulcanisation. From this wonderful period the magnificent opera house in Manaus, visible in the photo, comes. Symbols of Amazonia are the largest river of the World - Amazon River, which is formed from the connection of the rivers: Rio Negro and Solimoes and a toucan. Today Manaus has become the seat of modern electronics and automotive industries. Industry develops intensively in the whole contemporary Brazil. In April in the south of the country in the state of Rio Grande do Sul in Caxias do Sul the next 6<sup>th</sup> Brazilian Congress of Engineering, Manufacturing COBEF will take place.

Handing over the next issue I wish an interesting reading, and as usual encourage PT authors to prepare their work for publication in next issues.

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