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### **Six suppliers receive STIHL award**

Waiblingen-based ANDREAS STIHL AG & Co. KG honored six suppliers with its "Supplier of the Year 2016" award. ANDREAS STIHL AG & Co. KG is the world's leading manufacturer of chain saws and also produces many other outdoor power tools, including trimmers, brushcutters, cut-off machines as well as blowers and sprayers. The certificates that go with the awards were presented at a special ceremony in May by Dr. Bertram Kandziora, chairman of the executive board and board member responsible for manufacturing and materials.

STIHL has presented the "Supplier of the Year" award to a total of 100 suppliers since 1990. Twenty-two of those companies have won the award twice, eight have been honored three times, two four times and two suppliers five times.

The assessment criteria for the award were outstanding accomplishments with respect to quality, technology, innovation, service and price-performance ratio. The "Supplier of the Year" award spotlights the suppliers who have supported STIHL in a special way with their high supply quality, punctual deliveries, flexibility, cooperation and special know-how.

The six award winners are:

**HANS KOLB Wellpappe GmbH & Co. KG**  
**Memmingen / Germany**  
(packaging)

**IPAN GmbH**  
**München-Haar / Germany**  
(renewals for protection of intellectual property rights)

**Radici Novacips S.p.A.**  
**Chignolo d'Isola (BG) / Italy**  
(plastic resin)

**Reinhold Bürkle Technische Federn GmbH**  
**Kernen i. R. / Germany**  
(stamping and wire forming parts)

**SIIX Corp.**  
**Osaka / Japan**  
**and**  
**IIDA DENKI KOGYO CO., LTD.**  
**Tokyo / Japan**  
(electronic modules and electromechanical assemblies)

#### **Company Portrait**

The STIHL Group develops, manufactures and distributes power tools for professional forestry and agriculture as well as for garden and landscape maintenance, the construction sector and the demanding private user. The range of garden power tools from VIKING complements the product line. Products are distributed exclusively through authorized dealers, including 37 sales and marketing subsidiaries, about 120 importers and more than 45,000 servicing dealers in over 160 countries. STIHL produces in own plants in seven countries: Germany, USA, Brazil, Switzerland, Austria, China and in the Philippines. Since 1971 STIHL has been the world's top-selling chain saw brand. The company was founded in 1926 and is based in Waiblingen near Stuttgart. In 2016, STIHL achieved a worldwide sales volume of 3.46 billion euros with a workforce of 14,920.

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