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Five suppliers receive STIHL award

Waiblingen-based ANDREAS STIHL AG & Co. KG has honored five suppliers with its "Supplier of the Year 2013" award. ANDREAS STIHL AG & Co. KG is the world's leading manufacturer of chain saws and produces many other portable power tools, including trimmers, brushcutters, cut-off machines, blowers and sprayers. The certificates that go with the awards were presented at a special ceremony in June by Dr. Bertram Kandziora, chairman of the executive board and senior vice president, manufacturing and materials.

Since it was introduced in 1990, the "Supplier of the Year" award has been presented to a total of 93 suppliers. Twenty-three of those companies have won the award twice, six have received it three times and two four 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 those suppliers who have supported the company in its quest for high supply quality, punctual deliveries, flexibility, cooperation and special know-how.

The five award-winning suppliers of 2013 are:

- **Cosmos Manufacturing, Inc.**, South Chicago Heights, USA (Mufflers, Clutch drums and Stamping parts).
- **N.I.R.A. S.p.A.**, Villongo, Italia (Rubber parts).
- **Carl Stahl GmbH**, Süßen, Germany (Throttle cables, Circuit breakers, etc.)
- **ThyssenKrupp Presta AG**, Division Massivumformung, Eschen, Liechtenstein (Crankshaft parts and chain sprockets).

- **Velleuer GmbH & Co. KG**, Velbert, Germany (Stamping parts, Springs and Brake bands).

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 34 marketing subsidiaries, about 120 importers and more than 40,000 dealers in over 160 countries. STIHL has been the world's top-selling chain saw brand since 1971. The company was founded in 1926 and is based in Waiblingen near Stuttgart. In 2013, STIHL achieved a worldwide sales volume of 2.81 billion euros with a workforce of 13,844.

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