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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 2011" award. ANDREAS STIHL AG & Co. KG is one of the world's leading manufacturers of chain saws and produces many other portable power tools, including trimmers, brushcutters, cut-off machines, blowers and sprayers. The five award-winning suppliers are among some 700 companies throughout the world from which STIHL purchases production materials, components and capital goods. 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 of ANDREAS STIHL AG & Co. KG.

STIHL has presented the "Supplier of the Year" award to a total of 90 suppliers since 1990. Twenty of those companies have won the award twice, five have been honored three times and one 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 2011 are:

CW BEARING GmbH, Hamburg / Germany
(ball bearings)

J.N. Eberle Federnfabrik GmbH, Schwabmünchen / Germany
(rewind starters, rewind springs, brake straps)

Johnson Electric International AG, Halver / Germany
(switch applications, electric motors)

mogatec Moderne Gartentechnik GmbH, Drebach / Germany
(garden tools, assemblies)

Nittan Valve Co., Ltd., Tokyo / Japan
(4 mix engine valves)

Company Portrait

The STIHL Group develops, manufactures and distributes power tools for forestry, landscape maintenance and the construction industry. The range of garden power tools from VIKING complements the product line. Products are distributed exclusively through authorized dealers, including 32 marketing subsidiaries, more than 120 importers and about 40,000 dealers in more than 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 2011, STIHL achieved a worldwide sales volume of 2.62 billion euros with a workforce of 12,026.

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