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**STIHL AG Executive Board Reshuffle**

Executive board chairman appointed for further term, successors come from within the company

At its meeting on March 30, 2011 the Supervisory Board of STIHL AG reached a number of decisions on filling future executive board posts.

The Chairman of the Executive Board of STIHL AG, Dr. Bertram Kandziora, has been re-appointed for a further five-year term as of February 1, 2012. Dr. Kandziora has been a member of the board since February 2002 and is also responsible for Production and Materials.

Board members Dr. Klaus Detlefsen (Finance and Controlling) and Jürgen Steinhauser (Marketing and Sales) will be leaving the company for age reasons and when their terms of office come to an end on April 30, 2012 and June 30, 2012. Their successors are business economist Karl Angler (54) and industrial engineer Norbert Pick (53). They have both occupied executive positions in the STIHL Group for about a decade. The future executive board member, Finance and Controlling, Karl Angler, has been Vice President of the U.S. subsidiary STIHL Inc. in Virginia Beach/U.S.A. since 2002. He will be coming to Waiblingen on April 1, 2012 and take over from Dr. Detlefsen on May 1, 2012. Norbert Pick is General Manager of STIHL Vertriebszentrale AG & Co. KG in Dieburg and will succeed Jürgen Steinhauser as executive board member, Marketing and Sales, in Waiblingen on July 1, 2012.
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 38,000 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 2009, STIHL achieved a worldwide sales volume of EUR 2.04 billion with a workforce of about 10,900.

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