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### **Five suppliers receive STIHL award**

Waiblingen-based ANDREAS STIHL AG & Co. KG honored five suppliers with its "Supplier of the Year 2015" 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 June 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 97 suppliers since 1990. Twenty-four of those companies have won the award twice, seven have been honored three times and three 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 the suppliers who have supported STIHL in a special way with their high supply quality, punctual deliveries, flexibility, cooperation and special know-how.

The five award winners are:

**Bronner + Martin KG**, Liptingen / Germany  
(hot forged connecting rods)

**Johnson Electric Group**, Hong Kong / China  
(electric motors, switches)

**SONAX GmbH**, Neuburg / Germany  
(bottler for STIHL engine oils)

**Uwe Etzel GmbH**, Maulbronn / Germany

(plastic parts and plastic assemblies)

**Variety Die & Stamping Co., Dexter / USA**  
(mufflers, stamping and deep-drawing parts)

**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 36 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 2015, STIHL achieved a worldwide sales volume of 3.25 billion euros with a workforce of 14,245.

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