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### **STIHL pledges support for subsidiary in South Africa**

- Safety of staff is company's top priority
- Facilities to be rebuilt
- Support for dealers

“For us as a family-owned company, the protection and safety of our employees is our top priority” says Dr Nikolas Stihl, Chairman of the STIHL Advisory Board and Supervisory Board. “We are shocked and appalled by the images coming out of South Africa. Parts of the country have been affected by severe rioting, violence and looting. The region in and around Durban has also been affected – as has our South African subsidiary ANDREAS STIHL Ltd. in Pietermaritzburg. We are pleased that all of the employees and their families are unharmed.” According to the latest information, however, the subsidiary's warehouse has been completely destroyed and its office building severely damaged as a result of the unrest and looting. STIHL headquarters in Germany has set up a crisis team to organise measures for the protection and well-being of the subsidiary's roughly 40 employees in cooperation with Hayden Hutton, the Managing Director of STIHL South Africa.

### **Commitment to South Africa reaffirmed: STIHL guarantees jobs and supports dealers**

Dr Nikolas Stihl ensures: “Our subsidiary in South Africa will continue to exist going forward. No employees will lose their jobs due to this unusual situation. On the contrary, we will rebuild STIHL South Africa. To do so, we need the expertise and dedication of our staff. We will make sure that our customers can continue to buy and use STIHL products in the future.” The STIHL subsidiary in South Africa supplies local dealers with products. The company has also pledged to help dealers. Right now, it is working on ways to supply dealers with its products in the short to medium term. Containers are being shipped to the country, with plans in place to also send equipment to South Africa by air.

### **Company Portrait**

The STIHL Group develops, manufactures, and distributes outdoor power equipment for forestry, agriculture, landscaping, construction, and discerning consumers. The product range is complemented by digital solutions and services. The products are sold to end users through authorized servicing dealers and STIHL's online shops, which are set to be expanded internationally over the next few years. The STIHL Group's sales network consists of 41 sales and marketing companies, approximately 120 importers and more than 54,000 independent, authorized dealers in over 160 countries. STIHL has its own manufacturing plants in seven countries: Germany, the US, Brazil, Switzerland, Austria, China and the Philippines. STIHL has been the world's best-selling chainsaw brand since 1971. The company was founded in 1926 and is based in Waiblingen near Stuttgart, Germany. In 2020, STIHL achieved a worldwide sales volume of 4.58 billion euros with a workforce of 18,200.