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### **Six suppliers receive STIHL award**

Waiblingen-based ANDREAS STIHL AG & Co. KG has honored six suppliers with its "Supplier of the Year 2012" 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 92 suppliers. Twenty-one of those companies have won the award twice, five 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 six award-winning suppliers of 2012 are:

Arcoprofil SRL, Santorso / Italy  
(Drive shafts)

Bruker & Günter GmbH, Schramberg / Germany  
(Turned parts, assemblies)

L. Funk & Söhne GmbH, Stuttgart / Germany  
(International insurance brokers)

SIIX Corp., Osaka / Japan  
IIDA DENKI KOGYO CO., LTD., Tokio / Japan  
(Ignition systems, control units)

3st kommunikation GmbH, Mainz / Germany  
(Corporate communications agency)

**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 2012, STIHL achieved a worldwide sales volume of 2.78 billion euros with a workforce of 12,338.

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