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STIHL honored five companys as “Suppliers of the Year 2018”

ANDREAS STIHL AG & Co. KG honored five suppliers with its "Supplier of the Year 2018" award. The certificates that go with the awards were presented at a special ceremony on June 4 by Dr. Bertram Kandziora, chairman of the STIHL executive board and board member responsible for manufacturing and materials. “The fact that you can rely on each other is what sets a good partnership apart. And last year showed us that we were always able to rely on you, our valued suppliers. Our relationship is not just characterized by reliability. You also offer outstanding quality, price competitiveness, flexibility, service and innovative strength, and have been doing so for many years”, says Dr. Kandziora. STIHL has presented the "Supplier of the Year" award to a total of 107 suppliers since 1990.

The five winners of the award “Supplier of the Year 2018” are:

- **August Rüggeberg GmbH & Co. KG (Marienheide / Deutschland)**
Files, fileholders and file handles
- **Bruker+Günter GmbH (Schramberg / Deutschland)**
Turned parts
- **Ernst W. Velleuer GmbH & Co. KG (Velbert / Deutschland)**
Bending and stamping parts
- **it compact engineering GmbH (Waiblingen / Deutschland)**
R&D engineering services
- **Nittan Valve Co., Ltd. (Hadano / Japan)**
Engine valves

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.

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 private garden owners. The product range is complemented by digital solutions and services. Products are distributed exclusively through authorized dealers, including 38 sales and marketing subsidiaries, about 120 importers and more than 50,000 servicing dealers in over 160 countries. STIHL produces in own plants in seven countries: Germany, USA, Brazil, Switzerland, Austria, China and in the Philippines. Since 1971 STIHL has been the world's top-selling chain saw brand. The company was founded in 1926 and is based in Waiblingen near Stuttgart. In 2018, STIHL achieved a worldwide sales volume of 3.78 billion euros with a workforce of 17,122.

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