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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 2017" 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 on June 5 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 105 suppliers since 1990. Twenty-two of those companies have won the award twice, nine have been honored three times, two four times and one supplier five 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:

**ELRAD International d.o.o.**  
**Gornja Radgona / Slovenien**  
(Electronic modules)

**Mi-T-M Corporation**  
**Peosta / USA**  
(High-pressure cleaners)

**REINZ-Dichtungs-GmbH**  
**Neu-Ulm / Deutschland**  
(Gaskets)

**SONY Corporation**  
**Tokyo / Japan**  
(Chargers)

**WORKS Kiefner GmbH & Co. KG**  
**Neckartenzlingen / Deutschland**  
(Personal protective clothing)

#### **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 with a selection of power tools for the garden, previously sold under the VIKING brand and fully distributed under the STIHL brand from 2019. Products are distributed exclusively through authorized dealers, including 38 sales and marketing subsidiaries, about 120 importers and more than 45,000 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 2017, STIHL achieved a worldwide sales volume of 3.8 billion euros with a workforce of 15,875.

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