



# We celebrate 25 years of WIKUS Saw

Together with customers, partners, and the entire team, WIKUS Saw Technology, Corp. in Addison, Illinois celebrated the company's 25th anniversary.

**Spangenberg, September 16th 2024:** — An important step in the WIKUS success story is the internationalization that began in the 1970s. On August 27, 1999, Dr. Jörg H. Kullmann and his father Wilhelm Kullmann founded WIKUS Saw Technology, Corp. in Bensenville, Illinois. On 12 September 2024, the company celebrated its 25th anniversary together with customers and partners.

## A look back in time

Since the foundation of WIKUS Saw in 1999, the dedicated team has successfully established itself on the American market and continually expanded its position. Thanks to a strategy optimally tailored to the market, the company can now look back on a quarter of a century of successful business activity.

Many employees have been with the company since the beginning and use their extensive sawing expertise to develop solutions for the manufacturing industry and provide customers with comprehensive advice on their projects. For 25 years, the local team has endeavored to further strengthen the WIKUS brand and greatly increase its market share.

"The world and our industry are changing rapidly. But our commitment to quality, innovation, and customer satisfaction remain constant. We have come a long way but know we can achieve even more. With the strength of our team, the loyalty of our customers, and the support of our partners, I am confident that the next 25 years will be even more successful," says Markus Lusch, Chief Financial and Operating Officer of WIKUS Saw.

#### A special gift to mark an anniversary

On behalf of the shareholders of WIKUS, the Supervisory Board, the management of the WIKUS Group, and all WIKUS employees, Dr. Jörg H. Kullmann congratulated the colleagues at WIKUS Saw and presented them with a sculpture entitled "Together we are strong" specially created for the occasion by artist Kött-Gardner. "This sculpture, which is decorated with a circular band saw blade, symbolizes the unity in our family business and the commitment to WIKUS and sawing all over the

world. May it find a worthy place in the Head Office and remind you all of this special moment every day," says Kullmann.

### WIKUS success stories around the world

Decentralization and internationalization are an integral part of the WIKUS sales strategy. After WIKUS IBERICA in Spain, WIKUS Saw was the second international subsidiary and still plays a central role in the global orientation of the company. WIKUS now has 10 subsidiaries in Sweden, France, Austria, Spain, and Italy as well as in the USA, Canada, Mexico, India, and China, thereby enabling it to respond perfectly to local differences in the markets.

### **Image material**



Figure 1: For 25 years, the subsidiary WIKUS Saw Technology, Corp. has been manufacturing band saw blades for the American market. Source: WIKUS SAW



Figure 2: Markus Lusch has been with WIKUS for 25 years and currently works as Chief Financial and Operating Officer of WIKUS Saw. Source: WIKUS SAW



Figure 3: Chair of the Supervisory Board Dr. Jörg H. Kullmann thanked the management team with a sculpture by artist Kött-Gardner. Source: WIKUS SAW



Figure 4: The anniversary was duly celebrated with an Oktoberfest on the evening of the 25th anniversary celebrations. Source: WIKUS SAW

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#### WIKUS - TOP QUALITY "MADE IN GERMANY"

WIKUS is one of the world market leaders in metal sawing and Europe's largest band saw blade manufacturers. Customers from steel production/trading, foundries, machine/tool making, aerospace, automotive, construction, energy, and many other industries rely on the highly efficient solutions of WIKUS.

With the best input materials, state-of-the-art production methods, and ongoing quality controls, WIKUS-Sägenfabrik from Spangenberg in northern Hesse has been guaranteeing the highest standards in the production of high-tech band saw blades since 1958. At the same time, the family-run company creates considerable product and technology trends in the market thanks to its innovative prowess. In addition to its high-performance product range, WIKUS offers comprehensive service packages tailored to the respective product. Partner companies as well as sales and service companies worldwide offer competent, personal support on site.

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