

# Klingelnberg

## HONORS EMPLOYEES FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

At the start of each year, Klingelnberg's executive management recognizes colleagues who have worked at the company for 25, 40 or 50 years in a ceremony dictated by tradition. On February 1, 2019, this year's anniversary celebration was once again held at Kleineichen Haus in the German town of Hückeswagen.

Eleven award recipients in total commemorated their many years of service and commitment to the company during a pleasant evening meal shared with Klingelnberg's executive management. Awards were given to eight employees for completing 40 years of service and two employees for 25 years of service—as well as one employee now in his 50th year of service to the company.



"Whether employed in production, technology, or in our commercial operations—each one of these employees has contributed significantly, through their commitment and performance, to positioning our company as an international brand in the mechanical engineering industry," said Group CEO Jan Klingelnberg. "We are extremely grateful for this and are delighted to have another opportunity each year to celebrate the accomplishments of our long-serving employees."

The CEO added: "I am particularly pleased today to honor our employee Hans-Jürg Spiess, because Mr. Spiess already has a full half-century of Klingelnberg history behind him." In 1968, Spiess began his training as a technical draftsman (machinery designer today) in the area of gear cutting at the Oerlikon Bührle AG machine tool factory. In the early 1970s, Spiess studied mechanical engineering at the Technikum Winterthur (now the School of Engineering at ZWAH University of Applied Sciences) in Switzerland. In 1975, he graduated with distinction as a mechanical engineer with a major in process engineering. Spiess subsequently worked as a mechanical engineer and project manager in various technical departments and was promoted in 1989 to the position of technical expert and development engineer. To this day, he

has remained faithful to the division whose line of business was ultimately acquired by Klingelnberg in 1993 and continues to work as a development engineer in the mechanical design department at the company's headquarters in Zurich (Switzerland).

Klingelnberg expressed thanks in his speech: "It's always the employees who make a company. So we are all the more proud of the fact that we still manage to foster such long career trajectories in our company—something that has become quite rare in these fast-paced times." ([www.klingelnberg.com](http://www.klingelnberg.com))

## DVS Tooling

### INAUGURATES MODERN COMPANY BUILDING IN GERMANY

In May 2015 Sandro Schäfer stood on a stage in his new function as managing director and ceremoniously opened the 300 m<sup>2</sup> production area of his newly founded start-up DVS Tooling in Hemer, Sauerland. Four years later, the start-up and member of the DVS Technology Group has become a medium-sized company with a turnover of over 10 million euros. The high-precision tools for Präwema gear honing are used not only on the domestic market, but also in Brazil, China, the USA and India. In principle, the Hemer Hightec honing tools are in demand wherever gear components are manufactured, because in combination with the technology of the sister company Präwema they contribute to a better noise behavior in vehicle transmissions.



The success soon made the old location too small and so four years later Schäfer stands again on a stage to inaugurate the modern new building of DVS Tooling. 1,500 m<sup>2</sup> of production area and 500 m<sup>2</sup> of office space were built on Amerikastraße in Hemer, taking into account further expansion reserves. Enough space for further developments and an impressive opening ceremony with 140 invited guests. Among the guests was Josef Preis, CEO of the DVS Technology Group, who praised the DVS Tooling team and the development of the company in his opening speech. He also attributed the success to the "Sauerland inventor mentality and the down-to-earth attitude of the people in the region." Steen Rothenberger, chairman of the group's supervisory board, added: "Extraordinary people can achieve extraordinary things" and referred to all employees of the DVS Technology Group.

The highlight of the celebration was an impressive laser show, which took the guests on a journey through time on the

development of laser technology. The bundled electromagnetic waves are used by DVS Tooling for the fine machining of diamond-coated surfaces on dressing tools. The diamond coating, which is chaotically structured under microscopic view, thus becomes a homogeneous surface and produces high-precision dressing results on the honing tool. ([www.dvs-technology.com](http://www.dvs-technology.com))

## GMTA NAMES SCOTT KNOY PRESIDENT

After 27 years as president of GMTA (German Machine Tools of America), formerly American Wera, Walter Friedrich appoints **Scott Knoy** as his successor to the presidency of GMTA.



Friedrich was one of the first three employees when GMTA (American Wera at the time) started in January of 1991. Previously, he worked as a project manager for Liebherr Machine Tool for 4 years and completed vocational training in toolmaking and NC programming while working for 12 years at Pittler (now DVS Group) in Germany with whom he moved to the USA in 1983. On January 30 of this year, he spoke with the company's board of directors and decided to step down. The change was effective on February 8, 2019.

Since joining GMTA on July 1, 2005 Scott Knoy has contributed greatly to the growth of the organization. GMTA is a leading supplier of machine tools, laser welding systems and parts washers to the automotive power transmission, gear and other markets in North America. Friedrich is confident that Knoy is fully prepared to handle all his new responsibilities. "From day one, Scott has proven his commitment, determination, and knowledge of the automotive and gear industries. I'm sure he will continue the company's expansion."

Scott Knoy is grateful for this opportunity saying, "I am honored and excited to begin this new chapter as GMTA's president. My objective is to make sure that GMTA continues to serve our customers' needs, while looking for new opportunities." Knoy is a graduate of the University of Michigan and has a master's degree from Lawrence Technological University.

Walter Friedrich will maintain an active role in the company as senior advisor and board member. ([www.gmtamerica.com](http://www.gmtamerica.com))

## Solar Manufacturing

PREPS FOR OPENING OF NEW  
BUILDING IN 2019

Anticipation is growing, as Solar Manufacturing's new facility is beginning to take shape. With the exterior of the building now fully enclosed, including the nearly 20,000 square foot two story office building situated in the front of the manufacturing area, the next phase of building can begin, bringing the project



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closer to completion. Bill and Myrtle Jones, owners of the Solar Atmospheres family of companies, stand in the center of the 40,000 square foot manufacturing area during the most recent site inspection.

"This plant will be one of the most advanced facilities in the United States for the assembly of vacuum furnaces," Jones stated. The new facility is built on the 44 acre Brownfield redevelopment site on the Sellersville Business Campus in Sellersville, PA.

The \$8 million project is approximately 85% complete and they expect to be operational by late summer or early fall 2019. ([www.solarmfg.com](http://www.solarmfg.com))

## Ipsen USA

STRENGTHENS CUSTOMER SERVICE GROUP WITH NEW MANAGER

Ipsen USA is pleased to announce the promotion of **Matt Clinite** from Midwest regional sales owner to Ipsen customer service sales manager, effective immediately.

The position is new to Ipsen, and in it, Clinite will be responsible for building the Ipsen Customer Service sales team to provide the best in the industry aftermarket support for parts, engineered solutions and service.

Clinite joined the company in June 2014 as a sales engineer and for the past four years has served as the regional sales owner for the Midwest region. Clinite earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Illinois State University in 2011.

"Since day one, Matt has influenced Ipsen in a positive direction," said Pete Kerbel, vice president of sales, Ipsen USA. "Matt has excelled because of his work ethic and determination to solve problems for customers."

Ipsen's customer service team is responsible for providing customers with comprehensive aftermarket support and services. Clinite's experience and proven approach to customer service, combined with his technical ability, makes him the ideal fit for this role. ([www.ipsenusa.com](http://www.ipsenusa.com))



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