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**Press RELEASE**

* **BBG receives Webasto Partnership Award for outstanding cooperation**
* **In appreciation of commitment, flexibility and excellent cooperation**

*Mindelheim, 26 September 2018.* Webasto has honored the tool, machine and plant manufacturer BBG for its excellent partnership-based cooperation. The Partnership Award was presented to five top suppliers during the International Group Supplier Day at Fürstenfeldbruck. The company, which is one of the 100 largest international first-tier automotive suppliers, had invited over 350 supplier representatives to the event.

With the Partnership Awards, Webasto would like to thank selected suppliers for their extraordinary commitment, exceptional flexibility and outstanding cooperation within the framework of important projects over the past year. BBG supplies Webasto production sites in Europe, Asia and America with mold carrier systems and molds for encapsulating car roof glazings with polyurethane. Managing Director Hans Brandner accepted the award on behalf of the Mindelheim-based corporation, which runs three additional sites in the USA and China.

At the awards ceremony, Dr. Holger Engelmann, Chairman of the Management Board of Webasto SE, underlined the importance Webasto attaches to working in partnership with its suppliers: "As a provider of roof and thermo systems we are today highly successful on an international level. This is something for which we must also thank our suppliers.” In the future, Webasto intends to work even more closely with them in order to tap into optimization potentials and new business opportunities and further expand its own market position as a global systems partner for car makers.

**Long-term and intensive partnership**

With a large number of successful projects, BBG and Webasto can look back on a long-standing partnership. As a system provider and development partner for all aspects of joining glass and plastic, BBG supports its customers during all stages of the manufacturing process. The range of services extends from component design to the development and production of suitable molds and mold carrier systems through to the installation of entire production lines.

Amongst other things, the International Group Supplier Day 2018 focused on the personal dialogue between Webasto and its suppliers. In workshops and discussions, BBG representatives exchanged views with other suppliers and Webasto employees on the current challenges facing the automotive industry, on growing the Webasto product portfolio in the direction of e-mobility, and on future cooperation.

**BBG's customers operate worldwide**

The tool, machine and plant manufacturer BBG GmbH & Co. KG is a proven specialist for the plastics processing industry. In addition to complete production plants, BBG designs, develops and manufactures molds for processing polyurethane (PUR), PVC, TPE and other elastomers as well as a wide range of fiber-composite materials. These include production processes such as PUR-CSM (PUR-Composite Spray Molding), LFI (Long Fiber Injection), RTM (Resin Transfer Molding), SMC (Sheet Molding Compound) or GMT (Glass-mat reinforced thermoplastic), which are used depending on the desired properties of the end products. Solutions for lightweight construction, the processing of composites and the manufacturing of fiber-composite components in numerous branches of industry are further important focal points.

The family-owned company from Mindelheim in the Allgäu region, managed by Hans Brandner, supplies its customers worldwide, with the Asian market playing an important role alongside Europe and North America. In 2017, BBG generated sales of around 30 million euros with around 170 employees worldwide.

**About Webasto**

The Webasto Group is a global innovative system partner of almost all automobile manufacturers and is one of the 100 largest suppliers in the industry. In its core business areas, the company develops and produces sliding, panoramic and convertible sunroofs as well as thermo systems for all types of drives. In addition, Webasto is expanding its product portfolio for e-mobility with battery systems and charging solutions. Webasto Group generated sales of 3.5 billion euros in 2017 and employs around 13,000 people at more than 50 locations (including more than 30 production sites). Founded in 1901, the company is headquartered in Stockdorf near Munich. ****

Photo 1:

(From left to right): Jan Mehlfeldt, Executive Vice President Purchasing at Webasto SE, presented the Partnership Award to BBG Managing Director Hans Brandner. Next to them, Dr. Holger Engelmann, CEO of Webasto SE, and Angela Steger, Purchasing Manager Indirect at Webasto (Photo: Webasto Group).



Photo 2:

BBG mold carrier systems with shuttle offer optimum conditions for the production of large components (Photo: BBG).

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