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**Press release**

* **BBG gears up for international growth in mold making**
* **New structure and new management**

*Mindelheim, January 17, 2018.* BBG, the manufacturer of molds, machinery and systems, has changed the structure and management of its mold making division to enable international growth. Heiko Kasper is the new head of the mold making division, which was led for a long time by Alois Hoyer, who retired at the end of 2017. Heiko Kasper is supported by Michael Späth, who has taken on the new role of head of the mold manufacturing department.

BBG plans to strengthen its position as an international mold maker thanks to the division of tasks and the employing of new leaders at the senior management level. Among other things, this is intended to intensify the support of global key accounts. To this end, the corresponding business units of the BBG companies in Germany, China and the USA are going to step up their cooperation. The company plans, for example, to strengthen technological exchange and to develop joint quality standards. More intensive cooperation within the BBG group is to contribute to helping the company grow further as a fast, reliable, and flexible provider of high-quality mold making.

**The focus is on international carmakers**

The most important customers for BBG molds come from the automotive manufacturing industry. Key accounts include globally active automotive suppliers, who encapsulate car glass with PUR or PVC and TPE.

The mold making division accounted for 60% of the BBG group's sales in the amount of c. 30 million € in 2017, the remainder was generated by machine and system construction. At the company's headquarters at Mindelheim, molds in the amount of c. 9 million € were produced, mold sales at BBG Asia amounted to 6.1 million €, and BBG North America, which was founded in 2014, generated mold sales of 2.9 million €.

**Experienced management**

The new head of manufacturing, Michael Späth, 54, has worked for the company since 1989, and in his previous position was responsible for work preparation, machining and CNC programming. In his new role, he leads a team of 23 skilled workers.

Heiko Kasper, 43, is the leader of mold making, which includes 37 team members. A trained toolmaker, he has been with BBG since September 2017. He can look back on more than 25 years of experience in the automotive industry, the last ten years of which he spent in North and South America. His responsibility includes the further development of quality standards and intensifying international cooperation.

**BBG’s customers are active the world over**

BBG GmbH & Co. KG, a manufacturer of molds, machinery and plants, is a renowned specialist for the plastics-processing industry. In addition to end-to-end production facilities, we design, develop and produce molds for the processing of polyurethane (PUR), PVC, TPE and other elastomers as well as a wide range of fiber-reinforced materials. This includes 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 Thermoplastics), which are selected depending on the desired qualities of the finished products. Further important areas include solutions for light-weight design, the processing of composites and the manufacturing of components made of fiber-reinforced plastics for a large number of industries.

BBG, the family-owned business, which is located in Mindelheim/Allgäu and is run by Hans Brandner, the managing partner, supply their products to their customers all over the world, with the Asian market playing an important role in addition to the markets in Europe and North America. With a headcount of 170, BBG generated worldwide sales to the tune of 30 million euros in 2017.

**Photo:**



They are the new heads of mold making at BBG: Michael Späth, the new head of manufacturing (left), and Heiko Kasper, the head of mold making (photo: BBG GmbH & Co. KG).

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