

## MITSUBISHI MATERIALS RECEIVE THE QUALITY AWARD FOR THE DIAEDGE TOOLS AT THE 2023 SCHAEFFLER SUPPLIER DAY CEREMONY

On May 23rd, Schaeffler welcomed over 450 guests to the Supplier Day Award ceremony at its HQ in Herzogenaurach/Germany, to honour suppliers for their outstanding performance. The Group gave awards to several of its suppliers across 5 categories: Innovation, Sustainability, Cost Efficiency, Quality and Supply Chain. This key event was attended by various members of MMC staff, Tetsuo Yamazumi, President of MMC Hartmetall GmbH, Patrick Peter, Key Account Manager, and Andreas Gotz, General Manager Domestic Sales, Technical Service & MTEC Stuttgart.



Due to the close cooperation over 25 years as a supplier and technology partner in cutting tool solutions, MMC Hartmetall and Mitsubishi Materials have established an exceptional relationship with the Schaeffler Group. This year, the company was officially recognised with the Quality Award as a cutting tool manufacturer for outstanding performance, quality and reliability of the Mitsubishi Materials DIAEDGE tools. This Quality Award is a recognition of

excellence in the DIAEDGE tools relating to high precision and stable machining processes as well as optimisation of manufacturing operations with reduced costs.

Tetsuo Yamazumi, from MMC Hartmetall said: "It is more than 25 years since we started business with the Schaeffler Group. During this time there have been many challenging situations that were successfully tackled by the highly dedicated MMC team in Japan and ably supported by the passionate sales engineers in Germany. I would like to express my gratitude for the sustained efforts of the MMC team, and additionally, thank the Schaeffler Group for their recognition and for presenting us with the award for outstanding quality. This endorses our commitment to provide the very highest standards of tooling."

Andreas Schick, Chief Operating Officer of Schaeffler AG, gave commentary during the ceremony highlighting the value of close partnerships and trusting relationships with suppliers as key to long-term corporate success. The various awards were presented by Georg F. W. Schaeffler, Family Shareholder and Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Schaeffler AG, and Klaus Rosenfeld, CEO of Schaeffler AG.

Patrick Peter said: "It's very special and an honour to receive this award from Schaeffler. Our long-standing business



*(From left to right): Moderator (Intv), Klaus Rosenfeld (CEO of Schaeffler AG), Tetsuo Yamazumi (President of MMC Hartmetall GmbH), Patrick Peter (Key Account Manager for Schaeffler of MMC Hartmetall GmbH), Georg F. W. Schaeffler (Family Shareholder and Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Schaeffler AG)*

relationship with them is made possible thanks to the great support from the product development department at MMC Japan and the outstanding background work from the Key Accounts team in Germany. The award however is mainly because of the new products developed by MMC that regularly exceed the demands of super high-tech customers such as Schaeffler and the wider modern metal cutting industry."

The Schaeffler Group is a leading global supplier to the automotive and industrial sectors. The Group has 83 worldwide facilities, spread over 25 countries. MMC Hartmetall, the European Headquarters of Mitsubishi Materials, delivers advanced DIAEDGE cutting tool solutions to the Schaeffler Group in Germany and other European countries such as Slovakia, Hungary and Romania.



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