

PRESS RELEASE

MÄRKISCHES WERK GmbH and BLEISTAHL Produktions-GmbH & Co. KG. Announce Technology Development, Distribution and Sales Partnership to Provide Motorsport Engine Manufacturers with the Highest Performance Valve Train Systems

Collaboration Will Combine Motorsport Market-Leading Valve Design and Manufacturing with Automotive Market-Leading Valve Guide and Seat Ring Technologies

HALVER and WETTER –October 1st, 2020- As the motorsport engine market moves towards higher performance coupled with significantly longer lifetime requirements, both Märkisches Werk (MWH) and BLEISTAHL recognize the need to invest in next-generation solutions that will deliver better valve train performance, efficiency and reliability.

News Highlights

- Under the terms of the agreement, MWH and BLEISTAHL technical teams will work together to determine the system advantages and other opportunities, including the elimination of Beryllium in seat materials.
- MWH and BLEISTAHL will work together to deliver best-in-class valves, valve guides and seat ring inserts.
- MWH will be responsible for sales and distribution of the products to the end customers.
- MWH will be customer facing with new and existing MWH customers.
- BLEISTAHL will provide technical sales support regarding valve seats and valve guides to MWH with new and existing MWH customers.
- The partnership will enable both companies to strengthen their respective core businesses and provide customers with unmatched technical support, performance and reliability.

Supporting Quotes

Märkisches Werk GmbH

"We are very excited to partner with BLEISTAHL to combine our innovative, ground-breaking valve train technologies from the Motorsport and Automotive markets. With this partnership, customers only need to work directly with one company (MWR) to receive technical support from two market-leading companies. BLEISTAHL's powder metallurgy valve guide and seat ring technologies will complement our strategic focus on delivering high-performance valve train products and further enhance our position in the motorsport market. Our joint efforts with Bleistahl will enable us to push the future of valve train system solutions."

- Blake Holloway, Division Manager MW Racing



BLEISTAHL Produktions-GmbH & Co. KG.

"BLEISTAHL is very excited to join with MWR in an alliance that will be able to offer the performance market a system solution that includes the valve seats, valve guides and the valves. We look forward to utilize our materials leadership in valve seats and valve guides together with the MWR expertise for valves to provide the optimum performance solutions to the racing market."- Dr. Ekkehard Köhler, Managing Partner BLEISTAHL Group

About MÄRKISCHES WERK GmbH

Märkisches Werk (MWH) is the world market leader in development and production as well as remanufacturing of cylinder head systems and components for large bore engines as well as for racing. As a specialist of the most highly stressed engine components, MWH has the ability to increase the limits of product performance so that stress capability is maximized, while wear is minimized.

MW Racing, known worldwide as a top valve train supplier in the highest levels of racing, was formed to bring applied aerospace technology to high-performance combustion engines in the motorsport industry. MW Racing is a brand name and dedicated manufacturing group of MWH. MWH and MW Racing are passionate about innovative engineering in the development of high quality valve train systems. Together, we are committed to providing leading-edge solutions to help customers achieve the best possible engine performance.

About BLEISTAHL Produktions-GmbH & Co. KG.

BLEISTAHL, the family-owned material company in its 3rd generation is specialized in powder metal products for the Automotive Industry. As an Engineering Partner, BLEISTAHL has been developing and manufacturing valve seat inserts and valve guides since 1954 at 6 international locations. Valve seat rings and valve guides are important components of the valve drive train and essential for the trouble-free combustion process in the cylinder. As a specialist for high-temperature resistant materials BLEISTAHL supports its customers in the development of innovative low-emission engines. The products are used in passenger cars, trucks, industrial engines, motor sports, sports aircraft as well as fun mobiles.

Building on long experience in the application of high wear resistant powder metal valve drive train components and on the expertise of our approximately 1000 employees worldwide, BLEISTAHL today offers competitive advantages to their customers by innovative and reliable products and expert advice to solve customer problems.





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