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Dr Roland Loroach passes on the baton

Biberach an der Riss, 8th December 2023 – An era spanning 33 years in the history of Loroach GmbH, a specialist for saw blade sharpening machines, came to an end on 30th November 2023. This was when Dr Roland Loroach, who in 1990 became the fourth generation of his family to manage the company, retired. The machine manufacturer from Mörlenbach, which is part of the Biberach-based VOLLMER Group, will now be led by Hartmut Kälberer as sole CEO.

(The press release and accompanying images can be found at the following link:
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"On the occasion of my departure, I would like to give my sincere thanks to all members of staff at Loroach, as well as to our customers, for always having complete confidence in me," says Dr Roland Loroach, who is stepping down as CEO of Loroach GmbH. "I'm also grateful that the future of Loroach GmbH is in good hands as I pass the baton on to Hartmut Kälberer."

A small ceremony was held on 1st December 2023 at the company building in Mörlenbach to say farewell to Dr Roland Loroach as he entered retirement. In addition to the Loroach staff, Mayor of Mörlenbach Erik Kadesch and VOLLMER CEOs Dr Stefan Brand and Jürgen Hauger were also present. In his speech, Dr Stefan Brand praised Dr Roland Loroach's many accomplishments: After completing an engineering degree in Darmstadt, Dr Roland Loroach began his professional career at the European headquarters of DuPont de Nemours in Neu-Isenburg. In 1990, he took over as CEO of Loroach from his father Gerhard Loroach, making him the fourth generation of the family to manage the company. His great-grandfather Josef Loroach founded the company in 1899 in Heidelberg. With Dr Roland Loroach at the helm, it was integrated into the VOLLMER Group in 2006. Since then, Loroach saw blade sharpening machines have been available in addition to the range of automated grinding, eroding and laser machines from Biberach-based sharpening specialist VOLLMER as a full-line supplier.

Hartmut Kälberer joined the Loroach management team in early 2023 and led the company alongside Dr Roland Loroach over the course of the year. This collaboration lasting almost a year allowed Loroach to thoroughly prepare its customers, partners and staff for a seamless change in management. Since 1st December 2023, Hartmut Kälberer has been the sole CEO of Loroach GmbH, making him the first one in the company's history who is not a member of the Loroach family.

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Press picture



Caption: On 1st December 2023, we waved goodbye to Dr Roland Loroach (left), who retired after 33 years as CEO of Loroach. Loroach CEO Hartmut Kälberer (right) and VOLLMER CEO Dr Stefan Brand presented him with his leaving gifts.



Caption: Waving goodbye to Dr Roland Loroach after 33 years as CEO of Loroach. From left to right in the picture: Hans Wahl (HR Manager at VOLLMER), Frank Fingerloos (VOLLMER Head of Production), Jürgen Hauger (VOLLMER CEO), Dr Roland Loroach, Sabine Loroach, Dr Stefan Brand (VOLLMER CEO) and Hartmut Kälberer (Loroach CEO).

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With its comprehensive range of machinery, the VOLLMER Group – which has sites in Germany, Austria, Great Britain, France, Italy, Poland, Spain, Sweden, the USA, Brazil, Japan, China, South Korea, India, Russia and Thailand/Taiwan – enjoys global success as a tool machining specialist in the areas of both production and service. The technological leader's range of products includes the most advanced grinding, eroding, laser and machining tools for rotary tools and circular saws in the woodworking and metalworking industries, as well as for metal-cutting band saws. In offering this, VOLLMER draws heavily on the company's long-standing expertise and its strengths: Local contacts for efficient communication channels, quick decisions and rapid action by a family-run company. The VOLLMER Group currently employs approximately 800 workers worldwide, with around 580 of these at the main headquarters in Biberach alone, including more than 75 trainees. The company invests around eight to ten per cent of its turnover in the research and development of new technologies and products. As a provider of technology and services, the VOLLMER Group is a reliable partner to its customers.

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