

HILTI TOOLMAKING UNIT WINS IN EXCELLENCE IN PRODUCTION COMPETITION

Schaan (FL), November 14, 2019 – Hilti’s toolmaking unit ranks among the winners of this year’s Excellence in Production competition. The team placed first in the category of “Internal toolmaking team with less than 50 employees” and thereby ranks among the very best in the German-speaking region.

“The entire team is very happy to have won this award after ranking among the finalists in recent years. Placing first is confirmation that we continue to improve and that we have kept pace with the times in terms of new technologies and manufacturing processes,” said Unit Manager Hans-Henning Weisbrich.

This year Hilti’s toolmaking unit was recognized for, among other things, its usage of additive manufacturing (3D printing) in serial tool manufacturing as well as the increasing digitalization of processes, a topic that also supports the Hilti Group’s differentiation strategy. The unit’s strong international emphasis was also praised as the toolmaking unit in Schaan supports the Hilti Group’s worldwide manufacturing network.

The jury consisted of representatives from the worlds of science, politics, unions and industry and evaluated the technological capabilities and organizational aspects along the entire process chain. A team of experts also carried out an audit at Hilti’s headquarters-based manufacturing facility. This year marked the 16th Excellence in Production competition. A total of 303 companies specializing in tool and mold making took part, with 12 competitors advancing to the final round. The competition was organized by the machine tool lab of RWTH Aachen University and by the Fraunhofer Institute for Production Technology in Aachen.

The Hilti Group supplies the worldwide construction and energy industries with technologically leading products, systems, software and services. With more than 29,000 team members in over 120 countries the company stands for direct customer relationships, quality and innovation. Hilti generated annual sales of CHF 5.6 billion in 2018. The headquarters of the Hilti Group have been located in Schaan, Liechtenstein, since its founding in 1941. The company is privately owned by the Martin Hilti Family Trust, which ensures its long-term continuity. The Hilti Group’s strategic orientation is based on a caring and performance-oriented culture and the goals of creating enthusiastic customers and building a better future.