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Alliance against construction machinery wear

Zwickau/ Aichhalden, 1st October 2011: German tungsten carbide tool manufacturer Betek today announced a new partnership with Wirtgen's operation in Zwickau, which will see the two companies cooperate on sales and after-sales support for the Betek TungStuds range. Wirtgen Zwickau is thus with immediate effect a new official sales partner for the Betek TungStuds products.

Many machines used in construction are subjected to great strains and high levels of wear. Sections of construction machinery where abrasive materials are conveyed or processed are always particularly susceptible to this and plant and machinery often run non-stop. Without special protection against wear they can only be operated for comparatively short periods. A lack of anti-wear protection can lead to greatly reduced hours of operation, high maintenance costs and even to expensive machine failure. Compared to that the capital expenditure costs for a suitable anti-wear solution are in most cases very modest.

Betek's TungStuds range was first unveiled at the BAUMA 2010 trade fair. TungStuds are wear-protection studs with a strong core of Betek brand tungsten carbide, available in graduated sizes. They can be easily welded onto unevenly formed metallic surfaces, e.g. on the housing of crushers, milling rollers and surface miners etc., and, if necessary, can be replaced again and again, while the machine itself gets protected from wear. The possible applications are many and varied. Wherever minerals, concrete or asphalt are being excavated, handled or crushed, TungStuds are there 'right on the front line': they are the first to come into the contact with whatever is being milled or conveyed and are subjected to extreme abrasion. In addition to providing protection from wear, the material being conveyed also gets caught in the gaps between the laminar welded TungStuds and serves as a material buffer.

In addition to selling all Wirtgen construction machinery brands, Wirtgen Zwickau also provides comprehensive customer support and site services for the whole range of construction jobs. The experienced team, led by general manager Uwe Walter, now also handles the sale of TungStuds. On-site TungStuds welding is also provided, completing a highly comprehensive package of services on offer.

Betek is a global leader in the production of tungsten carbide and special tungsten carbide tipped tools. Based near to Schramberg in the Black Forest, the company develops and manufactures innovative tool systems for road construction, tunnelling, excavation, surface mining, crushing operations of all kinds, recycling, soil cultivation and mining. Betek is an INDUS Holding AG company and has worked for many years in partnership with the Wirtgen Group.

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Illustration 1: Road-milling roller housing fitted with TungStuds (source: Betek)

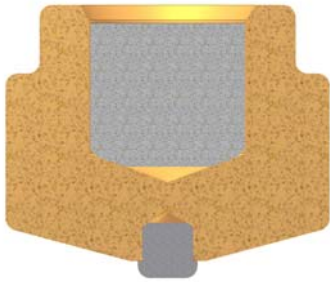


Illustration 2: TungStud cross-section drawing and photo (source: Betek)

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