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PRESS RELEASE

**WEINIG takes over grinding machine portfolio from Stähle-Hess**

**The contracts were signed shortly before HOLZ-HANDWERK 2024: WEINIG has taken over the grinding machine portfolio of Stähle-Hess GmbH (Reutlingen). Following the technical integration phase, which will begin in the coming weeks, the Rotofinish, Gloria and Saturn machines will be produced in in the WEINIG Group from 2025 and marketed under the WEINIG brand name.**

The agreement between the two companies does not constitute a takeover in the traditional sense. WEINIG is acquiring the design drawings and the technical know-how for the construction of the grinding machines from Stähle-Hess and the rights to market them. Warranties and service obligations for delivered machines remain with Stähle-Hess GmbH. Managing director Werner Müller explains the background to the contract with WEINIG: “We have maintained good contacts for over 20 years. There was a regular exchange of employees and mutual support in market development. I myself was often in Tauberbischofsheim to talk to the experts at WEINIG about the further development of planing and grinding machines. This means that the agreement we have now reached is sensible, consistent and the best solution, also with regard to customers.”

Werner Müller can look back on five decades of experience as a machine designer and successful entrepreneur. Since 1980, as managing director of Stähle-Hess GmbH, he has developed and marketed manual, semi-automatic and fully automatic tool grinding machines for solid wood processing, primarily in window production. Rotofinish, Gloria and Saturn machines are now in use in many European countries and beyond. “In addition to the highest technical performance, I always wanted to as close as possible to the customer,” explains Werner Müller. “I was very often on site during the installation and commissioning of the machines. We often made individual adjustments to the machines in order to integrate them optimally into the respective production processes.”

With this agreement, WEINIG is expanding its own product portfolio and can now offer customers in timber window production a complete solution for processing machines from a single source, allowing them to produce perfect surfaces.

Gregor Baumbusch is enthusiastic about the new opportunities arising from the acquisition agreement: “We are delighted to now be able to offer our customers the Rotofinish technology from WEINIG. This acquisition strengthens our position as a leading provider of woodworking solutions for timber window production and underlines our commitment to innovation and customer satisfaction.”