

PRESS RELEASE

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JOIN! the evolution. Successful Launch of Böhler Welding Machines at Hamm Open House

Last week the largest occasion in voestalpine Böhler Welding history took place in Hamm, Germany. Highlights from this 3-day long event included the opening of the new Application Technology Center and a corresponding technical conference with live demonstrations in the welding of stick electrodes as well as stainless and seamless cored wires. Also integral to the excitement was a final face-off and announcement of winners in “The Best of the Best” stick electrodes welders competition. Champions of the highly coveted “Solvator”, an award for the best application solutions, were also announced in a separate award ceremony. But, the absolute highlight of this momentous occasion was the launch of the equipment lines “Terra” & “Uranos” by Böhler Welding, the leading brand for joint welding of voestalpine Böhler Welding.

Terra & Uranos. The new reference in welding machines. As part of an emotional launch show, the new equipment lines were presented to nearly 800 guests. With the equipment lines Terra & Uranos, Böhler Welding sets new level of excellence in all standard and special welding processes. The unparalleled combination of welding consumable and power source allows customers to perform BEST in CLASS welds that they can be proud of. That’s what Böhler Welding stands for – with a 5-year guarantee on all Terra & Uranos welding equipment. Detailed information on the equipment portfolio can be found on <https://www.voestalpine.com/welding/Brands/Boehler-Welding/Equipment>

Celebration of true welding artists during “The Best of the Best” award ceremony. Stemming from a social media based contest for ambitious stick electrode welders, Böhler Welding brought these real artists of their profession to center stage. During the submission phase, welders from all over the world were invited to upload videos showing their expertise in welding a gusset plate or tube joint. From nearly 40 completed submissions, 5 experts finally received the title “Best of the Best” in a highly anticipated award ceremony.

Overview of the winners “The Best of the Best. Best Welders. Best Electrodes.”

Gold	Matija Valentić, Croatia
Silver	Domik Runge, Germany
Bronze	Lucas Case, Canada

In addition, the jury decided to award additional prizes in 2 special categories: the “Welding Rookie” promoting young talents and the “best employee video”. Fabian Galee, a young professional from Austria took the Welding Rookie prize with him and the award for the best employee video went to Prafull Kaldhane from India.

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Solvator 2019. JOIN! Global Applications Unlimited. With the outstanding expertise of voestalpine Böhler Welding's application engineers, the company sets well recognized high standards throughout the industry. The Solvator award, a special award for remarkable application solutions, honors those who develop outstanding application solutions together with and for their customers. The 2019 winners were selected by a jury of internal and external experts from 2 technical universities in 3 categories below.

In the category "**best technical solution**":

Bronze	Joe Zawodny, USA, "NASA Liquid Hydrogen Pressure Vessel" for Didion's Mechanical
Bronze	Michael Staber, Austria, „Plasma Hybrid Welding Solution“ for Teleskop Poland
Silver	Sandeep Mittal, India, „Rectification of Cracks in Penstock in NEEPCO KAMENG HEP project" for Aquagreen Engineering Management
Gold	Alexandre Otsuka, Brazil, "BÖHLER Ti 52 SR FD-B" for Voith Hydro

In the category "**most efficient solution**":

Bronze	Michael Fiedler, Austria, "Penstock Gouvaes" for Andritz Hydro GmbH
Silver	David Lecointre, France, "625 Flux-Cored Wire for Pipeline Welding in 5G Position with Automatic Bug System" for SERIMAX
Gold	Marcelo Facundo Severo, Brazil, "The Best Procedure for Repairing of Hammers in the Sugar Industry" for Using Sao Luiz S/A

In the category "**most environmentally friendly solution**":

Gold	Frederic Gley, Germany, "Boric Acid Free Coated Rods" for Liebherr
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A special award was given to Steven Qu, China who supported Voith Hydro Power Equipment with his solution for Penstock Welding for Wudongde Hydro Power Station.

More details can be found on <https://www.voestalpine.com/welding/>

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As a Full Welding Solution Provider voestalpine Böhler Welding offers a unique portfolio of service, welding consumables, accessories and welding equipment. Industry-unique matching between material and power source enables unprecedented precision. As a company of international technology group voestalpine, voestalpine Böhler Welding is part of a global network of metallurgy experts. With more than 100 years of experience, the Group has decisively influenced the development of welding technology, setting the benchmark with its innovative solutions. In its three areas of competence – Böhler Welding for joint welding, UTP Maintenance for repair and maintenance welding and Fontargen Brazing for soldering and brazing – the company offers outstanding solutions for all challenging welding projects in demanding industries. Read more on www.voestalpine.com/welding

Metal Engineering Division

The voestalpine Metal Engineering Division is the global market leader in railway infrastructure systems and associated signaling technology (railway systems). With its business unit Industrial Systems the division is also the European market leader in quality wire and a leading provider of tubulars and high-quality welding consumables. Customer segments include the railway infrastructure industry, the oil & gas industry, the mechanical engineering and automotive industries, as well as the construction industry. In the business year 2018/19 the division and its Railway Systems and Industrial Systems business units generated revenue of around EUR 3,1 billion, of which over 40 percent was generated outside Europe. The division, with around 13,500 employees worldwide, generated an operating result (EBITDA) of EUR 369 million.

The voestalpine Group

In its business segments, voestalpine is a globally leading technology group with a unique combination of materials and processing expertise. voestalpine, which operates globally, has around 500 Group companies and locations in more than 50 countries on all five continents. It has been listed on the Vienna Stock Exchange since 1995. With its top-quality products and system solutions using steel and other metals, it is a leading partner of the automotive and consumer goods industries as well as of the aerospace and oil & gas industries. voestalpine is also the world market leader in complete railway systems as well as in tool steel and special sections. In the business year 2018/19, the Group generated revenue of EUR 13.6 billion, with an operating result (EBITDA) of EUR 1.6 billion; it had just under 52,000 employees worldwide.

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