

## Press Information

### **Kyocera acquires BFT and GSB, German-based cutting tool manufacturers for oscillation machining.**

**Kyoto/Sunds, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023.** KYOCERA UNIMERCO Tooling A/S (KUA), a German manufacturer of carbide cutting tools, [BFT Hartmetall Werkzeuge GmbH & Co. KG](#) (CEO: Günter Bröker, headquarters north of Hamburg, Germany, BFT) and a manufacturer of oscillation knife drives, [GSB GmbH](#) (CEO: Gabriele Bröker, headquarters in the same location as BFT, GSB), have signed a share transfer agreement for KUA to acquire 100% of the shares of BFT and GSB.

#### **Background and objectives**

Kyocera Unimerco offers complete solutions for tool manufacturing, including a wide range of cutting tools and services. The focus is on indexable tools and PCD, solid carbide round tools for milling, drilling, and turning applications.

BFT, on the other hand, was founded in 1987 and has long been known for producing high precision carbide tools for oscillation machining, which are widely used in industries such as aerospace, automotive, packaging, engineering and textile industries etc. Founded in 2018, GSB produces oscillating knife drives, which are used with BFT tools.

Kyocera Unimerco will welcome BFT and GSB into the group and use their expertise in oscillation machining to expand the capability and offer customers a wider range of products.

#### **Overview: KYOCERA UNIMERCO BFT Tooling GmbH**

Company name	KYOCERA UNIMERCO BFT Tooling GmbH
Location	Hamburg, Germany
President	Shoji Gotoda, Henrik Schurmann
Business Profile	Manufacturer and distributor of carbide tools and oscillation knife drives for industrial precision cutting.

## Products

Products enable to cut various materials such as composite materials, PVC foam, rubber and leather, as well as technical textiles.



**Carbide knife**



**Oscillating knife drives**



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## About Kyocera

Kyocera has been successful in Europe for over 50 years. From its European headquarters in Esslingen am Neckar, KYOCERA Europe GmbH operates 25 sites including manufacturing facilities, with products ranging from fine ceramics, electronics, automotive, semiconductor and optical components to industrial tools, LCDs, touch solutions, industrial printing components, solar systems and consumer goods such as kitchen and office products.

KYOCERA Europe GmbH is a company of the KYOCERA Corporation headquartered in Kyoto/Japan, a world leader in semiconductor, industrial and automotive components as well as electronic components, printing and multifunction systems, and communications technology. The technology group is one of the world's most experienced manufacturers of smart energy systems, with more than 45 years of industry expertise. The Kyocera Group comprises 298 subsidiaries (31 March 2022). Kyocera has a subsidiary in Denmark, KYOCERA UNIMERCO A/S. With around 83,000 employees, Kyocera generated net annual sales of around EUR 13.42 billion in the 2021/2022 fiscal year.

Kyocera is ranked 665 on *Forbes* magazine's 'Global 2000' list for 2022, and ranked as 'The 100 Most Sustainably Managed Companies in the World' according to the *Wall Street Journal*. For the second year in a row, Kyocera qualified for the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (Asia-Pacific) and acknowledged as a 'Top 100 Global Innovator 2023', being one of the world's leading innovators, for the seventh time by Clarivate.

The company also takes an active interest in cultural affairs. The Kyoto Prize, a prominent international award, is presented each year by the Inamori Foundation — established by Kyocera founder Dr. Kazuo Inamori — to individuals worldwide who have contributed significantly to the scientific, cultural, and spiritual betterment of humankind (equivalent to approximately €710,000\* per prize category).

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