

Holmbury and Voswinkel

A powerful new alliance in the hydraulic quick release coupling market

They know one another, they appreciate one another. When the cooperation between the British and the Germans as, for example, in Formula 1 racing, leads to spectacular successes, it bodes well for the announcement of a new partnership between two established medium-sized enterprises from both sides of the British Channel. This idea was embraced by Holmbury, a British manufacturer of hydraulic quick release couplings and components with a worldwide reputation, headquartered in the county of Kent, and Voswinkel, a successful German family-owned business, an innovative all-inclusive supplier of high quality couplings and fittings, seated in Meinerzhagen in the Sauerland region.

Innovative leadership in the area of FF couplings

Both companies enjoy an impeccable reputation. This has been earned, in particular, by innovative solutions and sophisticated product lines of fittings and couplings for oil hydraulic applications, developed over decades and based on total product reliability and fair partnership with their customers.

With such a level of agreement in philosophy and practice, the benefits of this cooperation are obvious. This new alliance will offer technically and commercially attractive solutions for both OEM's and customers in the replacement and after markets. German workmanship and British expertise have teamed up in order to set new milestones in international competition.

The strategic objectives are clear: Pole position, Joint leadership and innovation in the area of FF couplings worldwide, and the accompanying organic growth for both partners gained from building additional market share in both Europe and the rest of the world.

Now that the two managements have officially announced their close cooperation, this heralds a new era in the successful history of both partners. Having a strong mutual history of R & D targeted on development of products based on customer requirements, the highly qualified British and German engineers have now joined forces in a team that can face the technological challenges of the future with real confidence.

“Cooperation is the creative driver of our joint future”. Our customers will reap the benefits of the synergies between our organisations as we deliver new and innovative solutions as well as optimisation and additional development of existing products.

Where competencies complement one another

One of the many core competencies of Voswinkel, aside from their strong development activities, is the modern, well-equipped production machine shop, where fittings, coupling components and connectors for piping assemblies are manufactured to the highest quality standards “made in Germany“. The supporting production areas impress with a broad range of forming, cutting and joining processes as well as special assembly know-how.

These significant strengths are supplemented by a large modern test lab, fully equipped for testing, trials and prototype production. The tool making and jig shop with its highly trained personnel and high-performance machinery is another highlight, enabling Voswinkel to implement their unrivalled capability in automation of both mass production and small batch manufacturing.

Holmbury has secured a strong international reputation during its 25 years experience in the design, development and manufacture of high performance couplings and hydraulic products for the most demanding OEM’s. As far back as the Eighties, the design of the Holmbury FIRG series flat faced coupling essentially formed the basis of the ISO 16028 standard.

Always in tune with the demands of the marketplace, Holmbury has maintained its pole position by unrelenting attention to, world-class service, continual product innovation and the provision of sophisticated technical and commercial solutions.

Holmbury is a major supplier of quick-release couplings to Caterpillar, JCB and several other leading construction equipment OEM’s.

Founded on cooperation and trust, this exciting new alliance is perfectly positioned to make a significant impact on the flat-faced coupling market both in Europe and the rest of the world. They stand together now, united under their joint motto “created in Britain, made in Germany“.