

Press release

## **From acquisition to success story**

**toolcraft is celebrating the 20th anniversary of its mould-making division in Spalt.**

**Georgensgmünd/Spalt (Germany), 28 April 2025:** Bernd Krebs founded the toolcraft company more than 35 years ago. A significant milestone in the company's history was the acquisition of the Spalter Feinwerktechnik business (formerly known as Trix) in 2005, which laid the foundation for toolcraft's own mould-making division – a move that have proven very successful. In 2025, the company is celebrating the 20th anniversary of this pioneering chapter in its history.

### **Laying the foundations for own mould-making division**

It was only a few years after the company had moved to a larger building in Georgensgmünd when Bernd Krebs heard that Spalter Feinwerktechnik had become insolvent. At the time, toolcraft had 53 employees. Given the insolvent company's close connection to the region and a desire to preserve the jobs, Bernd decided to take it over, despite initial concerns. "I knew a lot of the people there personally – they were loyal, motivated and brought a lot of experience with them. I also liked the idea of establishing our own mould-making division", recalls Bernd Krebs, now Chairman of the Supervisory Board at toolcraft.

In May 2005, the family-owned company took over the insolvent Spalter Feinwerktechnik and founded a new division with six experienced specialists at the site in Spalt. In subsequent years, toolcraft invested continuously in new technologies, expanded the team and established a training programme for tool mechanics. Soon after that, the first injection-moulding machines were purchased, before a dedicated division for plastic injection-moulding was formed in Georgensgmünd in 2013.

Today, toolcraft employs around 90 specialists in mould-making, including 17 trainees. The company's vision for the future includes continuously optimising its manufacturing processes and increasing the level of automation. "I am very proud of the success story we have with our mould-making division in Spalt. Of course, we still have a lot to do, but we are optimistic as we look to the future", says Bernd Krebs.

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### About toolcraft

The medium-sized family-owned company, located in Georgensgmünd and Spalt, was founded by Bernd Krebs in 1989. toolcraft is a pioneer of forward-looking technologies, such as additive manufacturing and the construction of customised turn-key robotic solutions. As a provider of comprehensive solutions, toolcraft covers the entire process chain, from the initial idea to manufacturing, quality assurance and testing in the areas of CNC machining, additive manufacturing, injection moulding and mould making. Its clients include market leaders in the semiconductors, aerospace, medical technology, optical, special machinery manufacturing, motor sports and automotive industries. Building close working relationships with collaborative partners as well as universities, other institutions of higher education and research centres is an important part of its corporate philosophy.