

## **KAUTH A GERMAN AUTO COMPONENT MANUFACTURER OPENS NORTH AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS IN WINDSOR, ONTARIO**

**Windsor-Essex County, Ontario**, - Thursday, October 4, 2018 - Kauth a global leader in manufacturing from Germany opened the doors of their North America headquarters today at their facility located at 3485 Wheelton Drive in Windsor, Ontario.

**Steffen May, CFO/Managing Director with Kauth** was joined today with Windsor Mayor, Drew Dilkens, Essex County Warden, Tom Bain, Stephen MacKenzie, CEO of WindsorEssex Economic Development Corporation (WE EDC) and a number of stakeholders and business leaders from the surrounding area.

Kauth is a family owned business and was founded in 1928 by Paul Kauth in Denkingen, Germany. Kauth has six manufacturing facilities globally with over 900 employees and specializes in stamping and forming, developing and producing formed parts with integrated extruded holes, sub-assemblies and attachment systems. Their client base consists of BMW, Daimler, Volkswagen, Audi, Chevrolet and Magna. Kauth combines great experience with state-of-the-art production processes, making them the technology leader in the field of tube and forming technology and an ideal partner to develop fastening solutions.

**Christian Kauth, CEO/Owner-Kauth** stated, "Today, it's my pleasure to announce the opening of Kauth's North America headquarters in Windsor, Ontario Canada. Initially, this new location will serve as Kauth North America's distribution and warehousing center with up to 25 employees with plans to eventually evolve and expand to include a manufacturing facility that will employ up to 350 employees overtime. Kauth conducted an extensive search in a number of communities throughout North America and determined that Windsor provides the best business case and advantages to assist us to achieve our goals and growth in North America. I would like to thank City of Windsor Mayor, Drew Dilkens as well as, Stephen MacKenzie and his team at the WE EDC for they were instrumental in presenting the Windsor-Essex advantages and life-style strengths to us. We would also like to thank Detlef Engler with the Canadian Embassy in Berlin and the Ontario Investment Office for their support."

**Drew Dilkens, Mayor, City of Windsor said**, "The locating of Kauth North America to the City of Windsor represents a significant investment in Windsor's economy and its people. Kauth is a leader in the field of tube and forming technology and this phased move will add up to 350 jobs to our regional economy. This announcement has been over a year in the making and I extend my very best wishes to the team at Kauth as we embark on this new partnership – this new friendship – together. Welcome to Windsor."

**Tom Bain, Essex County Warden said**, "On behalf of Essex County we are very pleased to welcome Kauth North America to the Windsor-Essex region. Kauth is a world-class organization and will be a wonderful addition and complement to our world-class group of manufacturers in Windsor and in Essex County. This is a great day for the region."

**Stephen MacKenzie, CEO WindsorEssex Economic Development Corporation** added, "On behalf of the WE EDC board of directors and staff it is my pleasure to welcome Kauth North America to our Windsor-Essex family of companies. In addition to them employing state-of-the-art production processes they have already been meeting with our companies region-wide to explore procuring tool and dies, welding cells and stamping presses for possible future expansion.

Kauth has an outstanding corporate culture and sees itself not only as a business, but as an active member of the community by supporting sports; educational and cultural projects and they have recently demonstrated this by being the main jersey sponsor for the Belle River Atom Minor AA hockey team. We are proud to have Kauth North America call Windsor-Essex home and we assure them we will continue to support them in any way that we can.”

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