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North America's leading CNC grinding experts – United Grinding Technologies and Walter Grinders – have merged effective April 1, 2009. This new organization will operate under my leadership as United Grinding Technologies with its corporate headquarters based in Miamisburg, Ohio. Our primary focus will be on ensuring and enhancing our capabilities with respect to providing you with peerless total grinding solutions, unparalleled technical support, and excellent customer services through a highly effective, efficient and innovative business model.

What's Different & What's Not?

United Grinding's Miamisburg facility will remain in its current location and will be adapted to become the hub of manufacturing and administrative support services for all Körber Schleifring Group brands in North America. We will also now be able to provide test grinding and machine demonstrations for the Walter and EWAG product lines in Miamisburg. United Grinding's Fredericksburg, Virginia facility will remain our tool grinding and measuring systems center of excellence for the Walter and EWAG brands offer expanded capabilities to demonstrate and support our cylindrical and profile grinding product lines as well.

The good news for all of our Walter and EWAG customers is that your contacts for technical support, applications advice, and sales remain in the same locations, at the same phone numbers, and with the same e-mail addresses.

Why Now?

Like many of our customers, we are adapting to the current business environment while simultaneously maintaining a long term strategic perspective on how to best serve and support all of our North America customers now and in the future. Improving our efficiency and focusing on continuously meeting your current and anticipated needs is always the right thing to do. Further, we remain deeply committed to delivering on our promises of Superior Customer Care and Total LifeCycle Grinding Solutions, and with a consistently profitable corporate parent bringing in over \$2 billion in sales annually, the Körber Schleifring Group and United Grinding are clearly the partners you can rely on to do just that.

If you would like more information on the merger between Walter Grinders and United Grinding Technologies contact us at: Tim.McMurdo@grinding.com.



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