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### **Dr. Manuel Gerst joins Vollmer as Technology Director**

Carnegie, PA... Since September 1, 2011, Dr. Manuel Gerst has lead the technology team at Vollmer Maschinenbau Werke GmbH. As Technology Director he is responsible for the entire business area of technology for the specialists in grinding and eroding machines in Biberach.

“With Dr. Manuel Gerst, we have brought a technology expert on board who will support us in further expanding our portfolio of sharpening machines,” says Dr. Stefan Brand, CEO of the Vollmer Group. “We expect to benefit particularly from his many years of experience in the design of chipping tool machines and in the development of processes in grinding machines.”

Before joining Vollmer, Dr. Manuel Gerst held managerial positions at Gildemeister AG and Robert Bosch GmbH. More recently, he was the Design and Development Manager at Gildemeister AG, where he coordinated all of the company's development projects and continually improved innovation management. At Robert Bosch GmbH, in the company's internal special machine manufacturing division, he was responsible for the grinding section, where he was in charge of the machine portfolio and process development. Dr. Manuel Gerst received his doctorate at Technische Universität München in Mechanical Engineering in the Product Development Faculty.



*On September 1, 2011, Dr. Manuel Gerst joined Vollmer as the company's Technology Director, becoming a valuable new member of the team in Biberach.*

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#### About Vollmer Of America

The VOLLMER Group has evolved as the specialist in re-sharpening and production of PCD tooling, Carbide-tipped circular saws, HSS circular saws, and Band saws. VOLLMER Technology & service offers the latest in grinding, erosion and conditioning machines for tooling and circular saw and band saw blades used in woodworking, metal-cutting, and the processing of composite materials.