

## **Supfina – Press-Information**

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### ***Supfina Grieshaber Makes Itself Ready for the Future***

Wolfach, Concentrate on the strengths at hand with a clear focus for the future – Following this motto, Supfina Grieshaber makes itself ready for the future.



Supfina Grieshaber has undergone a major realignment effort beginning with the appointments of the new management, Rainer Mielke and Ralf Oberbossel, in early 2007. They have committed to focus Supfina's strengths in the core product lines and increase the efficiencies of our modern manufacturing plant in Wolfach, Germany.

These efforts will position Supfina to best meet and exceed the changing demands of the market.

At the end of 2007, Supfina Grieshaber started the process to close the Remscheid plant. The production of the flat finishing product line in Remscheid, consisting of machine types 807, 808, 811, 813 and 814 was stopped. To provide ongoing support for these machines, Supfina Grieshaber and the company Thielenhaus has made an arrangement, in which Thielenhaus has taken over service for these models as of February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008. Thielenhaus, located in Wuppertal, has knowledgeable personnel and stands ready to deliver the highest level of customer support and service for these flat finishing machines.

The Lean Systems and Double Disk Grinding product lines will be relocated from the Remscheid plant to the Wolfach plant in the Black Forest, by the end of 2008. All remaining activities in the Remscheid plant will cease as of December 31, 2008. Throughout these transitions, the contact people for sales and service will remain the same.

These decisions do not affect the product lines or service capabilities our sister company, Supfina Machine Company, located in the USA.

The Wolfach plant, which was opened in 2003, is well suited to accommodate the design, manufacture and commissioning of the Lean Systems and Double Disk Grinding lines in addition to the high precision tape and stone finishing lines already produced.