

BACKGROUND & HISTORY

Company & Founding Partners

WoodWelding SA was founded in July 1999 with the objective of commercializing the innovative WoodWelding® technology, and further developing and refining the platform technology as well as its IPR base.

The WoodWelding® Technology has its roots in an innovation project at the “innovation house” Creaholic SA in Biel, Switzerland, in the mid 90’s from which new fixation solutions for porous materials resulted. In 1997, Creaholic SA teamed up with the investment and IP commercialization partner, GP International S.A, to investigate the industrial potential of the WoodWelding® Technology. After 2 years of cooperation – with the resulting conviction that the technology did have significant potential - WoodWelding SA was founded in 1999.

Since then, the company has established itself based on a model of technology licensing, R&D and consulting. Today, it has a substantial patent portfolio, developed solutions for a range of application fields, several licensees and research partners, and a 12 man strong team through its subsidiary WW Technology AG.

Chronological History

1999 WoodWelding SA founded in July 1999

2000 The WoodWelding® Technology was awarded the Swiss Technology Prize

Pernilla Kvist, former Nordic Marketing Manager of an IKEA-owned technology development & investment group, joins as Managing Director

The first license is sold to a German fittings producer

2001 The technology is further evaluated for medical applications on bone

2002 Dr. Jörg Mayer, former Vice Chairman of the Chair of Biocompatible Materials Science and Engineering at The Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, joins as Advisor for medical applications



The first medical license is sold to Karl Leibinger Medizintechnik / KLS Martin Germany, for cranio-maxillofacial applications

2003 WoodWelding starts cooperation with Goldman, Sachs & Co. to manage competitive bidding for subsequent medical licenses

2004 A European dental group acquires the license for dental applications

A fourth license is sold to Titus International Plc. for cabinet and windows assembly

A global orthopaedics group acquires the license for trauma applications

2005 Titus' cabinet assembly solution "Titusonic[®]" is introduced into the market

KLS Martin's CMF product "SonicWeld Rx[®]" is launched

Woodwelding receives the Swiss KTI MedTech Award 2005 for its development project on basic medical applications of the WoodWelding[®] technology, in cooperation with the Maurice Müller Institute in Berne, and the University of Zurich

"Ultrasonic Fasteners Ltd." is established with Titus International Plc. to commercialise hollow core board and RFID applications

The license for sports medicine applications is sold to a global orthopaedics group

Links

Creaholic SA (www.creaholic.com)

GP International S.A. (www.gpi-sa.com)

KLS Martin Group (www.klsmartin.com / www.sonicweldrx.com)

Titus International Plc. (www.titusint.com)



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