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Pillar Induction Celebrates 50 Years of Induction Heating and Melting

Pillar Induction, of Brookfield, Wisconsin is celebrating 50 years of business, serving the thermal processing industry. Pillar takes pride in the fact it has always been on the leading edge of induction technology.

Established in 1966, Pillar was based upon the designs of one of the founders, Phil Landis. Phil is still with the company today and is actively involved mentoring the new generation of design engineers. According to Phil, "Pillar's success is credited to unique industry innovations, especially the development and application of solid state technology for industry requirements and a dedication to continuous improvement and customer satisfaction."

Pillar also manufactures systems for a wide variety of applications including hardening, tempering, annealing, stress relieving, brazing, soldering, warm forming, forging, curing of coatings, extruding, shrink fitting, melting, just to name a few.

After five decades of technological advancements in the Induction industry, Pillar is still dedicated to finding ways to utilize the latest advances in power devices and controls. Pillar has been designing and manufacturing induction power supplies using IGBT and MOSFET power devices for the past 30 years. These devices represent the latest technology in power electronics for which Pillar now has a complete range of capabilities, covering sizes from 1 kW to 6000 kW and frequencies of 200 Hz to 400 kHz.

Technically oriented, and sales and marketing driven, Pillar was founded on the strength of their people. The Brookfield facility is home to an expert staff of engineering and manufacturing professionals, excelling in electrical and mechanical design and applications engineering. Pillar's success is attributable to clearly defining and satisfying the customers' diverse needs and an on-going commitment to remain an industry leader.

Pillar Induction is part of the Ajax Tocco Magnethermic group of companies. Ajax TOCCO is a global leader in the design and manufacture of world-class induction heating and melting equipment for various industries throughout the world. In addition, the group provides a wide range of engineering and aftermarket services including laboratory process development, preventative maintenance, equipment repair and parts, coil repair and installation services. Headquartered in Warren, Ohio, Ajax TOCCO has manufacturing and service locations throughout the United States, Canada, Germany, Poland, Belgium, China, Japan, Thailand, the UK and Mexico.

Thomas Illencik, President of Ajax TOCCO, stated "The Pillar brand has a long and respected history."

Pillar Induction, based in Brookfield, WI USA, is a leading supplier of induction heating and melting equipment for the foundry, heat treating, bar and tube (OCTG & API), forging and forming, and vacuum induction melting industries. More information can be found at www.pillar.com

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