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Bruks Siwertell Group acquires West Salem Machinery

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Bruks Siwertell Group has signed an acquisition contract for North American heavy machinery specialist, West Salem Machinery (WSM), effective from 1st July 2023. The Oregon-based engineering and manufacturing company will continue to operate under its current name as a separate internal division within Bruks Siwertell Group.



Peter Jonsson, CEO, Bruks Siwertell Group (left) and Mark Lyman, CEO, West Salem Machinery (right). (Picture: ©Bruks Siwertell)

“We could not be more delighted to bring WSM under the Bruks Siwertell Group umbrella,” says Peter Jonsson, CEO, Bruks Siwertell Group. “For more than seventy years, WSM has forged its reputation across numerous processing industries including wood products, recycling, soil/mulch, pulp and paper,

biofuels, and many more, making it one of the most recognized suppliers of biomass and wood fiber processing machinery in North America.

“For our customers, the acquisition will deliver a broader product range of market-leading technology, uniquely able to match operational needs. Together with our Wood Technology business units in Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) and Asia, it will also ensure our capability to meet customer demands for sustainability and digitalization,” Jonsson adds.

“We are looking forward to pursuing growth opportunities as part of a larger group with a global footprint,” continues Mark Lyman, CEO, West Salem Machinery. “We will work in close collaboration with all Bruks Siwertell Wood Technology units, complementing, strengthening and expanding our combined product and service portfolios for customers worldwide. WSM’s personnel will be fully retained and welcomed into the Bruks Siwertell Group.”

“The acquisition of WSM is a positive, strategic move that will immediately expand our presence in the US, and extend our global product and service offering, with an even more favorable mix of products, systems and services,” Jonsson explains. “Bruks Siwertell is a leading supplier of woodyard systems in the US, and by combining our industry presence and WSM’s, we can better reach both local and national US industries, and beyond into international markets.

“All our brands share many core qualities, recognized and relied upon throughout installations worldwide. WSM is a company focused on high-quality, customized machinery manufacturing and its acquisition will perfectly fit not only with our equipment range, but also our company values. WSM personnel are an integral part of the acquisition, and we welcome Mark Lyman and his team to the Bruks Siwertell family,” Jonsson says.

Founded in the Pacific Northwest, WSM started operations by supplying machinery to sawmills in the region and expanded into the recycling industry. Today, WSM is an engineering company, employing 70 personnel, with products that include grinders, shredders, hogs, hammer mills and screens, delivering single machine installations to full-scale production lines.

The contract was signed on 30th June 2023. Following the acquisition, the Bruks Siwertell Group will have close to 500 personnel.