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### **Wieland will be presenting Scriptoline high-quality brass and nickel silver for ball-pen tips: materials with excellent processing properties**

Wieland-Werke AG, Ulm, Germany, one of the world's leading manufacturers of semi-finished products in copper and copper alloys, will participate in Paperworld 2010, taking place in Frankfurt (Main) from 30 January to 2 February 2010. At the international trade fair for paper, office supplies and stationery, the company will present Scriptoline, a range of high-quality brass and nickel-silver materials specially designed for ball-pen tips. Outstanding material and processing properties make Scriptoline the first choice. Ball-pen tips made of Scriptoline are resistant not only to wear and tear but also to corrosion caused by aggressive ink ingredients. Scriptoline alloys exhibit both good machinability and good cold working properties. In particular nickel-silver materials are characterised by good to very good corrosion resistance which is critical to the long life of ball-pen tips exposed to the aggressive ingredients of ink. Ball-pen tips made of nickel-silver wire provide a high level of writing comfort which is particularly appreciated in Asian countries such as China and Japan where writing instruments have to meet high performance requirements given the traditional filigree characters. Ball-pen tips in nickel silver fulfil these requirements and are, therefore, particularly interesting to the markets in the Far East as an alternative to the stainless steels frequently used there.

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The Wieland Group is one of the world's leading manufacturers of semi-finished and special products in copper and copper alloys such as strip, sheet, tube, rod, wire and sections as well as sliding elements, finned tubes and heat exchangers. Wieland supplies customers in numerous markets. The products made of more than 100 different copper alloys are mainly used in the electrical and electronic industries. Other important sectors are the construction, automotive, air-conditioning and refrigeration industries as well as thermal engineering and mechanical and apparatus engineering. In cooperation with its customers Wieland develops specific solutions for industrial applications.

The Wieland Group has more than 30 manufacturing companies, slitting centres and trading companies in Europe, China, Singapore, South Africa and the United States. Wieland-Werke AG operates four plants in Ulm, Velbert-Langenberg, Villingen-Schwenningen and Vöhringen. The company's R&D as well as production and sales are certified according to DIN EN ISO 9001. Moreover, the company has an accredited test and certification laboratory. Wieland-Werke AG with all four plants in Germany is certified in accordance with DIN EN ISO 14001. The largest production site, the Vöhringen plant, is additionally validated according to the Eco Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS).

The Wieland Group achieved a turnover of 2,925 million euros in the fiscal year 2007/2008 with an export share of 66 per cent. The global workforce of the Wieland Group is approx. 6,500 strong of which over 4,000 are employed in Germany.