

## GLOBAL TECHNICAL SUPPORT EASTERN HEMISPHERE

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WireCo's Technical Service Team in Europe is based in Kirkel, Germany and is headed up by the Director Technical Services, Guenter Knerr (Degreed Mechanical Engineer/UAS). Guenter has 34 years of experience in the wire rope industry and began his career with Casar Wire Rope in 1982. He spent several years in both the Quality department and R&D before establishing the Technical Service department at Casar in 1995. Guenter's responsibilities today include managing WireCo's technical support for our European team as well as traveling globally to provide technical assistance wherever needed.

Harald Philipp is a Certified Mechanical Engineer and he spent 10 years with TEREX prior to joining WireCo's Technical Service Team in 2011. His experience in the crane industry provides great background for his responsibilities in providing technical support for WireCo's crane ropes sold throughout the eastern hemisphere. Harald's experience with NDT, wire rope examination, and testing provide him with the ideal background to help our customers solve their problems.

Bjoern Kofalk is a Certified Mechanical Engineer and has been with WireCo since 2006. He is very experienced in wire rope examinations and testing and responsible for providing technical assistance for WireCo's steel ropes throughout the eastern hemisphere. Bjoern's early years with WireCo were involved in production which provides the ideal background for his current technical service responsibilities.



*Left to right: Bjoern Kofalk, Harald Philipp, Guenter Knerr*

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