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# Wieland hosts Senator Dick Durbin at its East Alton manufacturing facility

On November 3rd, Wieland, an industry leader in manufacturing and converting copper and copper alloys, hosted U.S. Senator Dick Durbin at its East Alton, Illinois facility. Greg Keown, President of Wieland Rolled Products North America gave Sen. Durbin a tour while explaining the company's long history in Illinois. The facility was built shortly after Franklin W. Olin founded the Equitable Powder Company at that location in July 1892.

During the tour, Sen. Durbin saw first-hand how Wieland manufactures copper and copper alloy products that play a crucial role in the American manufacturing supply chain. Sen. Durbin watched as the copper-based metals were cast and rolled to supply critical end markets such as small arms munitions supplied to the Lake City Army Ammunition Plant and the materials supplied to the U.S. Mint for coins.

After visiting the facility, Sen. Durbin shared remarks with guests of the event on the importance of investing in advanced manufacturing within Illinois and mentioned the investments that the Federal Government is making to revitalize American infrastructure to support businesses nationwide.

"It was an honor to host Senator Durbin today, showcase our team, and discuss how Wieland sits at the center of a number of critical supply chains for the United States," said Greg Keown, President of Wieland Rolled Products North America. "From electric vehicles and semiconductors to ammunition for the military and materials for the U.S. Mint, Wieland's products play a crucial role in the American economy. We're also proud to be at the forefront of revitalizing American manufacturing while contributing to the decarbonization of the planet. Senator Durbin has always fought for manufacturing in Illinois, and we appreciate his continued support and commitment."



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Wieland is one of the world's leading suppliers of semi-finished copper and copper alloy products. In North America, the company has more than 2,700 employees in 31 facilities across the United States. Within Illinois alone, Wieland has more than 1,350 employees across 7 facilities.

#### Picture material



#### **About Wieland**

Wieland is one of the world's leading suppliers of semi-finished copper and copper alloy products. With a global network of production sites, service, and trading companies, the company offers a broad product, technology, and service portfolio. From prototype to series production, Wieland develops solutions for automotive, electronics, refrigeration, air conditioning, and other industries. Wieland uses high-performance copper materials to drive the success of its B2B customers in future-oriented fields such as electromobility, connectivity, and urbanization. High technical competence, customer-oriented thinking, and

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sustainability determine their actions and have been the basis of the company's success since 1820.

#### Wieland in brief

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\*1820 in Ulm, Germany | Sales: 714 kt | Turnover: appr. 6.7 bn. € | Locations: 80 | Employees appr. 8,800 [FY21/22 figures of the Wieland Group]

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