

# wirenews

News from Springwire Sweden AB. June 2011.

## Lean, helping Springwire to become world class



5S pictures, a vital aid in 5S and improvement work.

Springwire is underway with a large project, the aim of which is to improve quality and delivery accuracy with the help of Lean. This is a company wide project, from management level down to the tiniest piece of wire. The management team will be drawing up a contract and a philosophy based on Lean, but which is also tailored for Springwire. This will form the basis of Springwire's approach to fulfilling customer requirements, while creating a highly skilled organisation focusing on the customer, quality and added value.

At the other end of the spectrum is the 5S project that also permeates

the entire company, from office to production. The main aim of 5S is to create order and discipline, but there are also advantages in using 5S as a tool for training in improvement groups. As well as bringing order and discipline, the project will also lead to proactive work on continuous improvements. This will be achieved through improvement groups, which involves everybody in the company.

During the past six months we have seen some major improvements with regard to order and discipline. The work of the improvement groups is still in its prime at Springwire, but has started well and we have already seen several very good improvements.

To help this work on its way, the company has trained all employees in the basics of Lean with the help of IUC, and has also allowed staff to undergo a university education in Lean production at Chalmers University of Technology.

Follow Springwire's road to becoming world class and help us by providing feedback. All customer views are worth their weight in gold to us as we strive to develop Springwire to better meet our customers' demands and expectations.



### Project 5S

Springwire Sweden AB continues to develop on several levels. The recruitment of new staff and the investment in a reel to enable us to deliver units with increased weight are just two examples. We have done this to up capacity to meet increased demand, but also to add new technology and further develop new markets.

We have had a good year so far with increased orders and quite a few new customers. We are now looking forward to a relaxing summer holiday to recharge our batteries for an exciting autumn full of new challenges.

In this newsletter you can read about the ongoing 5S project, which is a part of our process of change. There is also a presentation of our new co-workers in Sales and Production.

Have a great summer!

## Welcome Anders and Johnny



Anders Johansson

Springwire is in an eventful period and during the year two new members have joined our staff.

Anders Johansson is our new export seller and Johnny Zackrisson is employed as production developer, a new post at Springwire.

Both bring new blood, energy and expertise to the company and are a part of Springwire's long-term development strategy.

Anders Johansson comes from a similar position at Bandstål AB in Kopparberg, a steel service centre



Johnny Zackrisson

specialising in thin sheet metal. Outside of work his children's sports interests: handball, floorball and football, take up a lot of his time. For his own part Anders dedicates his free time to Rotary, alpine skiing and golf.

Johnny Zackrisson was previously employed at Robust Ståldörrar AB in Nykroppa working with quality and production. Johnny comes from Västerås but moved to Värmland in 1982 where he ended up in Filipstad. His main interests are fishing, carpentry and renovating his house.

## Our teenage years are over

This year Springwire Sweden celebrates 20 years with the Berg Group as owners. Naturally, we will be celebrating this in a number of ways. For example, all our employees and partners are invited to our anniversary party at the end of August. We also hope to meet as many of our customers as possible to manifest our anniversary in one way or another.

Three cheers for Springwire!

## Our beautiful surroundings

What else do people do in Lesjöfors apart from manufacture springwire and play bandy? Well, a great deal actually. Lesjöfors Day in early June is a popular event. It has a market, an auction, a host of other activities and is a homeward bound day for ex-Lesjöforsers.

If you are passing through our beautiful district be sure to pay a visit to Lesjöfors Museum. This is a unique museum that shows the 300-year history of the community with some amazing sets, like a late 1940s apartment, for example. The museum was nominated as Europe's best in 1996.

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