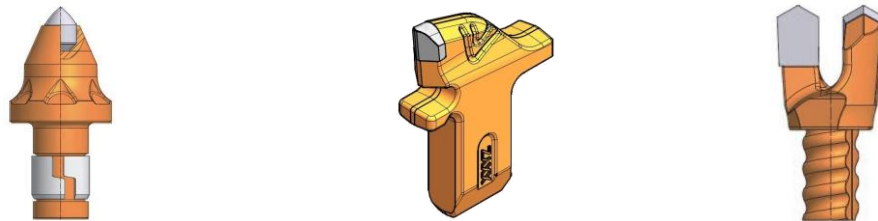


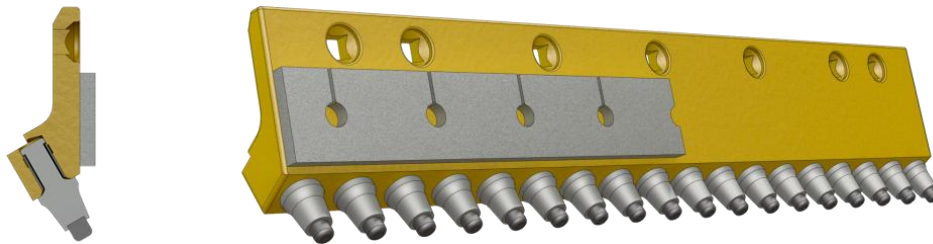
Valley Blades Ltd. (VBL™) is proud to announce a strategic partnership with BETEK (Bergbau- und Hardmetalltechnik) GmbH & Co.



BETEK is a world leading manufacturer of wear parts made from tungsten carbide. Located in the Black Forest area of Germany, their state of the art production facility turns out millions of carbide tipped tools per year. This fully integrated facility manufactures some of the highest quality carbide in the world and uses a unique automated brazing/heat treatment process to ensure an extremely strong bond between the tungsten carbide tips and the steel tool bodies. Keeping these processes (carbide manufacturing and brazing/heat treatment) together in one facility allows for unsurpassed quality control. In addition to carbide tools, BETEK manufactures an entire line of holders and accessories to compliment their product lines.



VBL™ is now the exclusive Canadian distributor for BETEK trenching and mining conical, radial and drilling wear parts and accessories. With VBL™ already supplying a full range of wear parts to the construction and mining industries, the VBL™/BETEK relationship is a natural one. In addition to distributing BETEK parts, VBL™ will be supplying BETEK teeth for its CARBIT™ grader blade system. With several new parts already in collaborative development the future looks bright for both companies.



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