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WAM CANADA - UNITED IN DIVERSITY

Born in Villiers-le-Bel, a small town on the northern outskirts of Paris, Gilles Benhamron (50) holds a BTS (Advanced Technician Certificate) in Milling and Cereal Industries. He began his career in 2000 as a sales representative with a leading French supplier of equipment and services to the milling industry. In 2003, he joined WAM France as a Sales Engineer, focusing primarily on TOREX® products. After spending nearly two decades with a renowned bulk solids handling equipment supplier, Gilles was appointed General Manager of WAM Canada in June 2026.

NL What is the market situation in Canada at the moment?

Benhamron Although I have only been in the role for a couple of months, I quickly recognised the Canadian market's strong potential. Customers and prospects value WAMGROUP®'s broad product range and our ability to deliver quickly, whether from our U.S. subsidiaries or our stock in Montreal.

NL Have you identified any specific market characteristics?

Benhamron Canada's vast geography and six time zones present a challenge, but our planned regional organisation and distributor network will ensure effective nationwide coverage. Another distinctive feature is the country's official bilingualism, which I have found to be an excellent daily exercise.

NL The major challenges for WAM Canada and for yourself right now?

Benhamron As a newly established subsidiary, our priority is to raise WAMGROUP®'s profile across the Canadian market. Our young, motivated team embraces the challenges ahead, and the growing number of customers placing their trust in us and our products reflects the success of this approach.

"Customers and prospects value WAMGROUP®'s broad product range and WAM Canada's ability to deliver quickly."

NL What are the major opportunities offered by the local market at this moment and in the short and medium term?


Gilles Benhamron

Benhamron All WAMGROUP®'s target industries are represented in Canada, with mining standing out as a particularly promising area for growth. As a global leader in gold, potash and mineral production, Canada offers significant opportunities, with national mineral assets valued at over US $350 billion. The sector's continued investment in infrastructure and modern processing technologies creates further potential for WAMGROUP®'s solutions and expertise.

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EDITORIAL



Dear Reader,

Building a corporate culture founded on marketing principles means ensuring that growth is driven by strategy rather than chance. It requires clear decisions about where to focus, how to position ourselves, and how best to leverage our unique global strengths.

While OEMs remain our primary market, expanding our presence among end users will strengthen demand, deepen our understanding of market needs, and reinforce our commitment to the F.R.E.E. industries: Food, Recycling, Energy and Environment.

Equally important is sharing knowledge across the Group. Each colleague is encouraged to contribute proactively, particularly by sharing customer references and case studies.

Together, we possess an unrivalled wealth of expertise and experience. By making it accessible to all, we create lasting value and ensure that growth becomes a truly collective achievement.

Best wishes,

Michael Grass

WAMGROUP®
Senior Public Relations Director

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Altlußheim, Germany, 22nd May 2026

From humble beginnings in the attic of a private home in Altlußheim, WAM Germany has grown into a key part of WAMGROUP®, with premises now spanning more than 14,500 square metres. To mark its 40th anniversary, the company also inaugurated a new building. Founded in 1986 through the shared vision of local design engineer Werner Schmidt and WAMGROUP® founder Vainer Marchesini, the business was built on trust despite a language barrier. In May, colleagues from across Germany and WAMGROUP®'s headquarters in Ponte Motta, Italy, came together to celebrate the milestone. Addresses by WAMGROUP® President Marcello Marchesini and WAM GmbH Managing Directors Werner Schmidt, Florian Seifert and Michael Grass reflected on four decades of growth, innovation and partnership, while looking ahead to the next chapter.








Vainer Marchesini delivering his congratulatory video message

WAM Canada - A New Challenge

My journey to Canada was more than just another business trip—it was a WAM® adventure and a personal first, as I crossed the Atlantic for the very first time. Knowing that French is widely spoken in Montreal offered a reassuring sense of familiarity, but before I could discover the city, there was one important hurdle to clear: a lengthy wait at customs to obtain my residence and work permits.

The next morning, at 7 a.m. local time—six hours behind Europe—I walked into my new office and met my Canadian colleagues, Saif Marji, Jessica Rodriguez and Amanda Khoury—Jonathan De Castro joined us a couple of months later. Their warm welcome quickly dispelled any first-day nerves and made me feel part of the team from the outset.

There was little time to linger. Around the meeting table, introductions soon gave way to lively discussions about the Subsidiary's recent history,



The WAM Canada Team

its customers, the local market and the priorities of each department. It was an invaluable first insight into the business—and the perfect way to begin an exciting new chapter in my professional life in what is a new world to me.

Gilles Benhamron
Montreal, June 2026

A Special Tutor For A New Management



Giovanni Tacchi has been with WAMGROUP® since 2012, serving as General Manager of WAM Shanghai (2013–2016), WAM Moscow (2017–2020), WAM France (2021–2023), and, most recently, WAM Inc. in the USA. His extensive international management experience, combined with his key role in supporting the launch of WAM Canada in 2024, made him the ideal mentor for the company's newly appointed General Manager.

I first met Gilles while working in France, and he immediately stood out. Everyone who had worked with him, both in France and across the Group, described him as a highly capable professional and a person of unquestionable integrity.

Although my first attempt to bring him back to WAM France was unsuccessful, he later expressed interest in leading our Canadian subsidiary. After a series of productive discussions, we reached an agreement, and I am delighted to welcome him back to the Group.

Canada is a business with significant potential, supported by a talented and enthusiastic team. Gilles and I have quickly developed a strong working relationship, built on mutual understanding and shared goals. After many years in management, I know how valuable that is—and I look forward to seeing it grow.

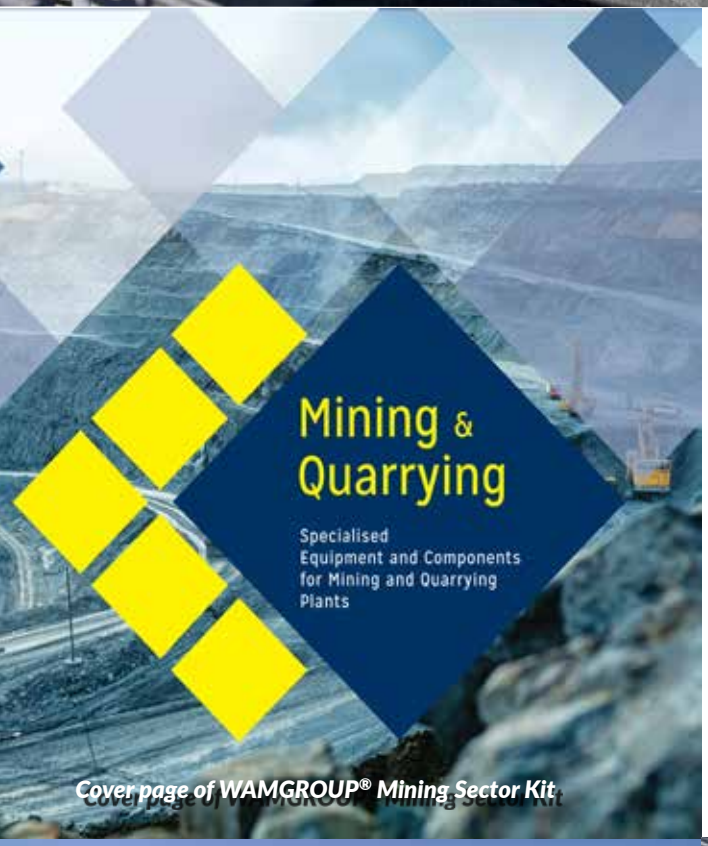
Giovanni Tacchi
Fort Worth, Texas
August 2026



WAMAIR® Spot Dust Collector in mineral mining



Micro-batch Feeder for polymer dosing in WWTP



Cover page of WAMGROUP® Mining Sector Kit

WAM Canada Well On Track

Establishing a foothold as a young company in a well-established and consolidated market is never easy. This is particularly true in Canada, the world's second-largest country by land area after Russia. Covering around 10 million square kilometres, Canada is home to just over 40 million people, the vast majority of whom live in the southern part of the country, relatively close to the US border. This unique combination of enormous distances, a concentrated population and a highly developed industrial landscape presents both challenges and opportunities for companies looking to expand their presence.

Canada's vast territory is matched by a diverse and powerful economy. Among the key industries in which WAMGROUP® products are in demand are the energy and natural resources sectors. Oil and natural gas, together with mining, have traditionally been among the country's most important economic pillars. Manufacturing is another major sector, with the wood and paper industries playing a particularly significant role,



Dust control: a key issue in modern quarries



WASTEMASTER® Drum Screens in WWTP in Anzac, Alberta, Canada



Quarrying plant, Quebec, Canada

To Consistent Market Presence

especially in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

Agriculture is equally important. Canada is one of the world's leading exporters of agricultural commodities, including wheat and canola—a variety of rapeseed originally developed in Canada and now cultivated extensively worldwide.

As the images on these pages illustrate, WAMGROUP® products are already proving their value across a range of Canadian industries. Applications include the food sector and wastewater treatment, the latter supported by SAVECO® North America. Most notably, however, the company has established a strong presence in mining, where the advanced dust-control technology of the WAM®AIR Division is helping to meet the demanding requirements of this vital industry. These applications demonstrate the broad potential of WAMGROUP®'s dust filtration technology in Canada and provide a solid foundation for further growth across various sectors in the market.



WAM Canada premises in Montreal



Food processing, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada





New WAMGROUP® Headqu

On Saturday 13th June 2026, WAMGROUP® marked a significant milestone in its development with the inauguration of its new executive headquarters at the Group's main site in Ponte Motta di Cavezzo, in the province of Modena, Italy.

Covering 2,500 square metres across two floors, the new building brings together modern offices and dedicated spaces for corporate coordination and management. Strategically positioned at the heart of the Ponte Motta industrial area, it completes the Group's production hub and further strengthens the connection between its manufacturing and organisational activities.

The building serves as WAMGROUP®'s new operational





uarters In Ponte Motta



"brain": a central hub for decision-making, strategic coordination and the effective management of the Group's activities. It is also designed to foster closer communication between different areas of the business and support the Group as it continues to expand its international presence.

Beyond its functional role, the investment carries a strong local significance. It reaffirms WAMGROUP®'s deep ties with the community of the Modenese lowlands, the territory where the company's story began in 1968 and where it expanded and grew over nearly six decades.

The inauguration thus represents both a bold step towards the future and a powerful reaffirmation of the roots that have shaped WAMGROUP®'s growth.



WAMAIR® Stand-Alone Dust Collectors



The WAMAIR® Stand-Alone is a versatile, high-performance Dust Collector designed to deliver consistent, efficient dedusting across a broad range of industrial applications.
Its robust polygonal construction, integrated suction fan and bottom hopper provide highly effective dust separation while making installation straightforward. Available with POLYPLEAT™ or POCKET filter elements, the WAMAIR® Stand-Alone combines advanced pulse-jet cleaning technology with proven filter media to deliver exceptional filtration efficiency, dependable performance and an extended service life.

Maintenance is quick and safe thanks to clean-air-side access, while the programmable automatic cleaning system helps maintain peak performance over the long term.

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NEXT ISSUE PREVIEW



CHIOR® premises in San Prospero, Modena, Italy

In 2018, as WAMGROUP® marked its 50th anniversary, Mantua-based CHIOR®, a manufacturer of submersible pumps and agitators, joined the Group. The same year also saw the launch of the SAVECO® brand, bringing together WAMGROUP®'s solutions for municipal and industrial wastewater treatment, livestock manure management and digestate handling from biogas plants.

Since then, CHIOR®'s product portfolio has expanded steadily, strengthening the Group's offering across these sectors.

In the next issue, we take a closer look at CHIOR®'s history, expertise and continued development.

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