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Dear Andy,

I'm pleased to wish Alan, Steve, yourself and everyone at Alca Tools congratulations in celebrating your 35<sup>th</sup> year in business.

I had a quick look to see what was going on in 1974, when you started! In July, it seems to have been a month in the middle of the Watergate scandal in the US and peace seemed a long way off in Ireland and Cyprus. Mungo Jerry was at number 1 in the charts with "In the Summertime", I wonder what happened to them and we were as usual in those days, getting over our disappointment of not being part of the football World Cup.

And 1974, was a year with two general elections, rising oil prices and Government initiatives to help the UK economy, banks and building societies. With all this sounding somewhat familiar, 1974 must have been a challenging time to launch a new business.

Then as now, our own activities saw many new products launched and in 1974 these included GC015 and tuned boring bars. Our aim continues to keep our customers' success in focus and the fact that you have achieved 35 years of successful trading is something to be proud of and we are pleased to have been part of that success.

As we look forward to the future, 2012 will be an important year for us as we mark our 150<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> anniversaries for Sandvik and Sandvik Coromant respectively and we very much look forward to you being part of that future.

With our very best wishes to all at Alca Tools from myself and everyone at Sandvik Coromant UK, and all the very best for 2010 and onwards.

Yours sincerely,



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