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THE DEVELOPER OF HI-FOG® WATER MIST FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS WAS REWARDED

Göran Sundholm, the founder and previous owner of Marioff Corporation Oy and responsible for product development, was awarded the prestigious **NFPA DiNenno** award for the development, patenting and global marketing of HI-FOG water mist fire extinguishing systems.

NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) is an American fire protection industry organization whose rules and regulations are followed worldwide.

The prize was awarded in Las Vegas on June 19, 2023, in connection with the trade fair. In addition to Göran Sundholm, researchers Gerard (Jerry) Back, Jack Mawhinney and Magnus Arvidson were also awarded for their merits in water mist research.

The award is called the 'Nobel of public safety' and it honors Philip J. DiNenno's (1953-2013) contribution to fire safety. NFPA has been giving out the award since 2015 in recognition of important innovations that have a significant impact on public safety.

Marioff Corporation Oy is the world's leading manufacturer of water mist fire extinguishing systems with headquarters in Vantaa, Finland and a production plant in Kerava, Finland.

Marioff Corporation Oy, which was part of the MariGroup companies, was acquired by the American global conglomerate UTC in 2007.

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Göran Sundholm is an entrepreneur who has almost 200 patents in Finland and 150 in the USA, and more than 2500 international patent applications have been filed and patents granted for decades. He has been awarded for numerous innovations, such as the Foundation for Finnish Inventions' recognition award (President of the Republic Urho Kekkonen) in 1977, The Safety at Sea Award (British Prime Minister Sir Edward Heath) in 1992, the Innosuomi award (President of the Republic Martti Ahtisaari) in 1995 and the Internationalisation award of the President of the Republic (President of the Republic Martti Ahtisaari) in 1999. He has also been awarded the award for Finnish engineering and the award from the Patent and Registration Board for the highest number of patents by an individual in 2002, as well as the EY Entrepreneur of the Year Award in Finland in 2005. Göran Sundholm started his career as an inventor in the early 1970s and he has owned/owns numerous companies that have started through inventions.

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