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# PRESS RELEASE

**Metabo: Introduces the World's First Cordless 2-in-1 Tapping Tool & Drill/Driver**  
*Also Named as a Finalist in the 2016 Pro Tool Innovation Awards*

**November 2016 – West Chester, PA** – Metabo Corporation, a leading international manufacturer of professional grade hand-held power tools and accessories is pleased to introduce the world's first cordless tapping and drill/driving machine. The GB 18 LTX BL I Q features a unique electronically controlled tapping mode that automatically changes the rotation of the chuck, providing a fast, precise and cleanly threaded hole.

Utilizing one of the industry's most powerful brushless motors and powered by Metabo's renowned Ultra-M and LiHD battery system, the new GB 18 LTX BL I Q is one of the most powerful and versatile tools on the market. The GB 18 LTX BL I Q also features a patented quick tapping chuck with a special four-sided (square) shape that allows for both drilling and tapping accessories, as well as Metabo's unique impulse mode for starting holes on smooth metal surfaces and the easy removal of damaged screws. Used as a drill/driver, the machine will drill fast clean holes. Then switched to tapping mode, it will cut a perfect thread in a fraction of the time it would take with a manual system.

"In the past, users had to toggle between forward and reverse to tap a hole, often resulting in an uneven hole while putting undue stress on the machine's motor and/or clutch", said Antoine Derche', Cordless Product Manager for Metabo. "But our new tapper effortlessly reverses itself as soon as you pull back on the machine, thus eliminating the need to reverse the machine, assuring a quick, clean and precise hole."

Metabo's GB 18 LTX BL I Q was also named as a finalist in the fourth annual Pro Tool Innovation Awards presented by Pro Tool Reviews. Tool and accessory winners were judged by panel of tool professionals from across the United States with winners being selected based on their level of innovation, power, and value. 57 different manufacturers submitted 224 tool entries across more than 128 categories for a shot to win a 2016 Pro Tool Innovation Award.

**Ultra-M**

Metabo's Ultra-M technology was designed specifically for industrial users, whose applications typically demand more power, enhanced battery life and longer run times. The first key behind the system is a microchip in the battery that effectively communicates with the tool and battery charger. This ongoing communications ensures that each battery cell is evenly charged and discharged every single time, thus greatly extending the life of the battery pack as well as protecting the tools being used. Second, Productivity is also greatly increased as a hot "spent" battery can be placed in the charger immediately after disconnecting from the tool. The charger's built-in fan system quickly cools the battery pack as it begins the charging cycle, thus reducing overall charging time. The result is a battery that will effectively survive more charge/discharge cycles than other battery systems. And to back their claim, Metabo is offering a 3-year guarantee on their battery and charging system. If for any reason, the battery does not charge, Metabo will replace it.

**LiHD Battery Technology**

Metabo's new LiHD batteries, which generate up to 67% more power than traditional Lithium-Ion cells, enabling tools to tackle industrial applications not previously possible. The secret behind the increased power is the use of an all new, high density battery cell that contains a significantly higher amount of Lithium as compared to other standard cells. Additionally, to handle the increased power output, the new LiHD batteries are housed in a redesigned, patented battery pack that uses specially engineered components to more effectively manage the increased energy without generating the power draining heat of other standard lithium battery systems. In addition to the increased power output, the improved management of energy also increases run time up to 87%, as well as increases the battery life by as much as 100% when compared to our industry leading Li-ion 5.2 Ah battery packs.

**ABOUT METABO:** Engineered in Germany, Metabo's premium line of power tools are designed specifically for professional users to provide the highest level of safety, reliability and performance. Metabo manufactures both corded and cordless power tools, as well as a full line of abrasives and accessories for metalworking, concrete and many other industrial and construction applications. Metabo products include angle grinders, die grinders, drills, rotary hammers and dustless systems. The Metabo Ultra-M 18V LiHD battery technology offers users the mobility and power for the most demanding industrial applications.

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