

Press Release

“Energy Efficiency Award” goes to ebm-papst, Bosch Brewery and Evonik Enterprises recognised for extraordinary measures taken to increase energy efficiency

Hannover/Berlin, April 21, 2009. Three innovative companies were recognised today in Hanover with the “2009 Energy Efficiency Award” for their trendsetting projects aimed at increasing energy efficiency. Permanent Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology Jochen Homann presented the 15,000 Euro first prize to ebm-papst Mulfingen GmbH & Co. KG, a manufacturer of motors and fans. Bosch Brewery GmbH & Co. KG received the second prize, while the third prize went to the chemistry division of Evonik Industries AG. The efficiency projects of all three companies allowed them to achieve above-average cost savings in their manufacturing processes. The “Energy Efficiency Award,” which features 30,000 Euro in total, was sponsored within the framework of the Initiative EnergieEffizienz by the Deutsche Energie-Agentur - the German Energy Agency in collaboration with the Deutsche Messe and was presented at the WORLD ENERGY DIALOGUE event at the HANNOVER MESSE.

German Energy Agency Managing Director Stephan Kohler emphasized that “The enterprises recognised are leading by positive example. Their investments in energy efficiency are setting the course for future growth.”

The ebm-papst company implemented a solution for a new factory in which the entire thermal requirement of the factory buildings was met by using existing thermal loads. This allowed ebm-papst to reduce the factory’s energy costs for heating, ventilation and cooling by 91%, representing annual savings of 87,000 Euros.

Bosch Brewery implemented a newly developed procedure for wort boiling which reduces the energy consumption of the evaporation process for the removal of undesired aromas considerably. This enabled the brewery to reduce energy consumption in the wort boiling process by 80%, saving 21,000 Euros annually.

Evonik established a company-wide energy management strategy which enables participating sites to save up to 25% in annual energy costs. One example of the energy efficiency measure is the optimisation of the thermal post-combustion plant at the Muenchsmuenster site, which enabled a reduction of energy costs for post-combustion of over 70%, or 680,000 Euros annually.

Detailed information regarding all award recipients can be found at <http://www.industrie-energieeffizienz.de>.

The *Initiative EnergieEffizienz* stands for the efficient use of electricity in all consumer sectors. It is an initiative by the Deutsche Energie-Agentur GmbH (dena) – the German Energy Agency – and the energy companies EnBW, E.ON, RWE and Vattenfall Europe, and is supported by the Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology.

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