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Highly-Prized Innovative Spirit at Emitec

Emitec Gesellschaft für Emissionstechnologie mbH from Lohmar is awarded the *Top 100* seal of approval. Mentor Lothar Späth offers his congratulations.

Lohmar – Only creative companies with vision and a taste for the new have managed to join the ranks of the 100 most innovative small and medium-sized enterprises. 2011 marks the fourth year in a row that Emitec receives the *Top 100* seal of approval, presented by Lothar Späth in the Baltic Sea resort of Warnemünde.

Emitec employs 645 people and specialises in the development, production and distribution of catalytic converters and particulate filters. The company's pioneering role in the field of technology is demonstrated by the 1,800 patents that have been registered to date.

A focus on ecological and economic conditions lies at the heart of the innovative culture fostered by the top management. The team led by CEO Wolfgang Maus has developed a process that allows fuel to be recycled from CO₂ and water in future. A recent successful innovation is the thermoelectric generator, a joint development between Emitec and BMW, which converts exhaust heat into electricity. Emission-reducing technologies for trucks, ships, agricultural vehicles as well as construction and utility machines are another area of innovation that the company is currently advancing. Last year Emitec opened a new dedicated test centre for these applications.

Vienna University of Economics and Business analysed the innovative performance of 272 small and medium-sized enterprises in Germany over a period of several months. The best 100, among them Emitec, are awarded the seal of approval for one year. 'We see creative ideas and fresh thinking not merely as a means to increase revenue. We are passionate about our business and want to make a difference. The award makes us proud and shows us what we can achieve if we all pull together,' said Wolfgang Maus.

The 100 small and medium-sized enterprises that were presented with the seal of approval in 2011 generated a total revenue of 11.2 billion euros last year. 769 national and 1,865 international patents were registered in 2010 alone. 48 of the 100 companies are the number one in their field on the domestic market, 19 are world leaders. 88 of the 100 companies that received the award grew faster than the industry average in the past three years, by around 16% on average.

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For more information about Emitec, the other 99 award winners and the TOP 100 project please visit www.top100.de

Mentor

The project is mentored by Lothar Späth.

Scientific management

Dr Nikolaus Franke has been the project's scientific coordinator. He is professor of entrepreneurship and innovation at Vienna University of Economics and Business. His research focuses on entrepreneurship, innovation management and marketing. He is one of the world's leading experts on user innovation.

Organisation: compamedia GmbH, mentor of the best medium-sized enterprises

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Business partners

Project partners are BVMW Bundesverband mittelständische Wirtschaft, Fraunhofer Gesellschaft zur Förderung der angewandten Forschung e.V., Rationalisierungs- und Innovationszentrum der Deutschen Wirtschaft e.V. (RKW), SchmidtColleg, the Association for Electrical, Electronic & Information Technologies (VDE) and the consulting company Weissmann & Co. The project's media partner is the Süddeutsche Zeitung.

Background information about the project is available at masurat@compamedia.de. Image material of Emitec can be obtained through Rainer Schäferdiek. He can be contacted as follows: rainer.schaeferdiek@emitec.com. General image material of the event will be available on the press pages of www.top100.de as of Friday, 1 July.

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