

ebm-papst wins Austrian "EnergieGenie 2009" innovation prize

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Mulfingen/Wels,

ebm-papst is among the winners of the "EnergieGenie 2009" innovation prize of the Austrian Ministry of the Environment and the state of Upper Austria. The prize was again awarded for the company's commitment in the area of development and in particular for energy-efficient fans and motors. Within the framework of the Wels Energiesparmesse (27.02- 01.03.09), a high-level delegation including the President of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber Dr. Josef Leitl and Member of Upper Austria's State Parliament Rudi Anschober presented the prize to ebm-papst.

ebm-papst primarily produces EC fans as opposed to traditional technologies. The speed of these fans, on account of their integrated electronics system, is infinitely adjustable and they allow energy savings of up to 70%.

With the HyBlade® fan range, manufactured in hybrid structure, an innovative product group with blades consisting of plastic and integrated aluminium reinforcement won a prize.

In addition to the advantage of very low power consumption, this series, which among other things has EC technology, achieves a 50 % reduction in noise level for the human ear. The materials used also result in excellent ecological compatibility in comparison with conventional products.

"In Austria we note that there is great receptivity for ecological products. We are therefore especially pleased to be awarded the EnergieGenie 2009 innovation prize", said Hans-Jochen Beilke, President of the Managing Directors at the ebm-papst Group. "Many companies here have specialised in energy-efficient technologies, which will probably bring them advantages in the present economic crisis", Beilke continued optimistically.

The Managing Directors Bernhard Fischer and Alfred Müller intend to donate the €1,000 prize money to charity.

Caption: ebm-papst received the Austrian "EnergieGenie 2009" innovation prize from a high-level delegation.

From left to right in the photo

1. Mayor of the City of Wels and Trade Fair Director Dr. Koits
2. Member of State Parliament Dr. Kepplinger
3. Member of State Parliament Anschöber
4. Hans-Jochen Beilke, President of the Managing Directors
ebm-papst Group
5. Bernhard Fischer, Managing Director at ebm-papst Austria
6. State Governor Dr. Pühringer
7. Dr. Dell, Managing Director of the Upper Austrian
Energy Saving Association
8. Dr. Leitl, President of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber
9. MEP Dr. Rübigen

About ebm-papst

The ebm-papst Group is the world's leading manufacturer of fans and motors and is a pace setter for the ultra-efficient EC technology. In the last fiscal year, 2007/2008, the company achieved a turnover of 1.076 billion EUR. ebm-papst employs nearly 10,000 employees at 17 production facilities (including those in Germany, China and the USA) and 57 sales offices world-wide. Products of the global market leader are represented in many industries, including ventilation, air-conditioning and refrigeration technology, household appliances, heating engineering, in IT/telecommunications applications, as well as those in automotive and commercial vehicle engineering.

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About the "EnergieGenie" innovation prize

The EnergieGenie 2009 innovation prize of the Austrian Ministry of the Environment, Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management and of the state of Upper Austria is awarded annually at the Energiesparmesse trade fair. The award is for new products judged on the criteria of innovation, energy savings and novelty.

An independent specialist jury consisting of managers of various fields of business of the Upper Austrian Energy Saving Association, selects the products under consideration of novelty and energy saving aspects.

More information is available at www.energiesparmesse.at/