

Role models for 2009 – ebm-papst receives "Ehren-Victor" award

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As one of the largest employers in Germany's Hohenlohe region, ebm-papst takes its social responsibilities seriously, supporting sport and culture in the region for many years. In recognition of this, the fan specialist received the 2009 "Ehren-Victor" award of the Württembergischen Sportjugend (WSJ), a sport association in the state of Baden-Württemberg, as part of the "Role models of the year" awards ceremony.

"We want to thank the ebm-papst company for its outstanding social commitment, from which so many areas of our society benefit – particularly club sport and most especially children and teenagers," WSJ Chairman Uwe Gerstenmaier said at the ceremony held in the LBBW Forum in Stuttgart. For the general public, ebm-papst sponsors the ebm-papst Marathon and the ebm-papst Indoor Championships, a football tournament for A-Youth and amateur teams. Furthermore, the company supports the Hohenlohe volleyball school, the youth football team of the FSV Hollenbach, the Triathlon-Bundesliga team in Freudenbach, the youth gymnastics team of the LG Hohenlohe and many other clubs with advertising banners.

Hans-Jochen Beilke, Managing Director of the ebm-papst Group, accepted the trophy on behalf of the company. "I am particularly pleased to receive this award. It is a nice acknowledgement of our company's many areas of activity, particularly team sport," he said. "Participating in sport with others promotes a sense of community and team spirit, enables integration and is a worthy pursuit for children and teenagers," the chief executive remarked.

During the "Role models of the year" ceremony, the awards were handed over by Steffi Jones, President of the Organisation Committee for the FIFA Women's World Cup 2011, TSG Hoffenheim goalie Timo Hildebrand and professional boxer Luan Krasniqi.

Caption:

Image 1: ebm-papst chief executive Hans-Jochen Beilke accepts the 2009 "Ehren-Victor" award from the Württembergischen Sportjugend (WSJ) sport association.

Image 2: ebm-papst chief executive Hans-Jochen Beilke with Timo Hildebrand during the VORBILDER 2009 awards ceremony in Stuttgart.

About VORBILDER des Jahres (German for "Role models of the year")

The VORBILDER des Jahres ("Role models of the year") is part of VORBILD SEIN!, a campaign for sport for child and teenage sport in Baden-Württemberg, under the auspices of German Federal Education Minister Annette Schavan. Each year, the "Ehren-Victor" is awarded to a company for outstanding social commitment to causes such as (youth) sport. Previous winners include the Sparkassenverband Baden-Württemberg, retailer dm-drogerie markt GmbH, Intersport Deutschland, Jako AG, clothier Peter Hahn and Daimler AG.

About the ebm-papst group

The ebm-papst Group is the world's leading manufacturer of fans and motors and is a pioneer and a pacesetter for ultra-efficient EC technology. In the last fiscal year, 08/09, the company achieved a turnover of 1.056 billion EUR. ebm-papst employs nearly 9,700 employees at 17 production sites (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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