

Press release

Employees in Weiden reduce electricity consumption:

BHS tabletop AG is recognised as part of the "Energy Efficiency Award 2008"

Selb, April 24th, 2008. BHS tabletop AG has been recognised as part of the international "Energy Efficiency Award 2008" for its exemplary improvement in energy efficiency at the Weiden works. The jury praised the "exemplary process of working out energy saving measures as part of the company suggestion scheme" as well as the training and motivation of employees.

About 90 international companies had applied for the prize with a total prize fund of € 30,000 awarded by the German Energy Agency (dena) in cooperation with the KfW development bank and the Deutsche Messe, which was awarded at the "World Energy Dialogue" in Hanover at the start of this week.

"I am very pleased about this prize, because it honours the commitment and the expertise of our workforce. Therefore, in future we will not just be investing in technology but also in the training of our people, from machine operators and master craftsmen through to management," says Rainer Schwarzmeier, the Board member with responsibility for Production at BHS tabletop AG.

Since 2007, the international "Energy Efficiency Award" has been given to companies to recognise outstanding projects in improving energy efficiency. The award-winning projects demonstrate the profitability of energy efficiency measures in industry and commerce.

Capital yield of 139 percent earned

As part of the "3-F" internal improvement process, BHS employees at the Weiden location were given the task of investigating electricity consumption in the company and identifying savings potential. The goal was to reduce electricity consumption by 125,000 kWh per annum. Following intensive training, the workforce developed numerous energy efficiency measures which were

implemented over the past few years. In the first year alone, the specified energy savings were more than doubled, whilst an energy saving of 565,000 kWh is forecast for 2008.

In its eulogy, the jury praised various aspects, including that the success of motivating employees and anchoring the objective of improving energy efficiency in management had been demonstrated by the effectiveness of the measures taken. "In 2007, they achieved a capital yield of 139 percent with a depreciation period of just under nine months."

Caption:

Award ceremony for the "Energy Efficiency Awards 2008" (from left): Sepp D. Heckmann, Chairman of the Board of Management of Deutsche Messe, Jürgen R. Thumann, President of the Federal Association of German Industry, Stephan Kohler, Managing Director of Deutsche Energie-Agentur GmbH (dena), Johann Adam, BHS tabletop AG, Weiden works, Jochen Homann, Secretary of State in the Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology and Werner Genter, Chairman of the KfW Banking Group.

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