

## **ebm-papst awarded Environmental Prize 2008 by the state of Baden-Württemberg**

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Mulfingen/Stuttgart - ebm-papst has been honoured by the state of Baden-Württemberg with this year's Environmental Prize. In the category "Industry", the world's leading manufacturer of fans and motors was able to convince the judges with the exemplary and integrated manner in which it practices environmental protection in all areas of the company.

At the award ceremony in the Neues Schloss (New Palace) in Stuttgart, the Minister for the Environment of the state of Baden-Württemberg, Tanja Gönner, praised the companies honoured as pioneers and role models for the entire economy. "Only those who manage to achieve high levels of productivity with innovative products and services, and who do so using a minimum of energy and raw materials will be sustainably competitive," explained the Minister.

For ebm-papst, the continual reduction of current consumption by its products is the central development issue. The fan specialist from Mulfingen is a pacemaker in the development and sales of highly efficient EC fans, whose control electronics make energy savings of up to 70% possible.

ebm-papst operates an environmental management system that is certified by ISO 14001, and which is systematically practiced all round the world in accordance with German standards. The company is a founding member and heavily involved in the Modell-Hohenlohe e.V. association, an amalgamation of regional companies that are dedicated to environmental improvements, energy and work safety. Since 2002, ebm-papst at Mulfingen has implemented numerous modernisation measures to reduce CO2 emissions by almost 1,900 tonnes annually.

In line with the company's philosophy, the construction of the new plant close to the company's head office at Mulfingen, a project that cost some 15 million euro, was heavily influenced by environmental considerations. An innovative energy concept and efficient air conditioning and heating technology allow energy requirements to be reduced by 91%.

ebm-papst is to use the prize money of 10,000 euro that comes with the Environment Prize for two planned energy efficiency projects in the field of waste heat utilisation.

### **About ebm-papst**

The ebm-papst Group is the world's leading manufacturer of fans and motors, and is a pacemaker for the ultra-efficient EC technology. In the last fiscal year, 2007/2008, the company achieved a turnover of 1,076 billion euro. ebm-papst

employs nearly 10,000 employees at 17 production facilities (including those in Germany, China and the USA) and 57 sales offices worldwide. 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.

### **About the Environment Prize**

The Environment Prize for companies in Baden-Württemberg was awarded for the first time in 1993. The competition is held every two years for companies and self-employed persons from the four economic sectors: services, handcraft, industry and trade.

Within the framework of the competition, one prize and a number of tributes are awarded for each economic sector. The jury reserves the right to award a special prize. The competition has prize money totalling 50,000 euro. 125 companies have been honoured since the Environment Prize was set up.

More information can be found at [www.um.baden-wuerttemberg.de](http://www.um.baden-wuerttemberg.de)

Minister of the Environment of the state of Baden-Württemberg, Tanja Gönner, awards the Environment Prize in the category "Industry" to ebm-papst.

Pictured (from left to right): Markus Mettler (Environmental Officer, ebm-papst Mulfingen GmbH & Co. KG), Tanja Gönner (Minister of the Environment of Baden-Württemberg), Thomas Wagner (Managing Director, ebm-papst Group).

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