Press Release

EtherCAT® Technology Group

ETG celebrates 20 years of organization and technology

20 years of EtherCAT and 20 years of EtherCAT Technology Group (ETG): This is something to celebrate. To mark these milestones, Beckhoff invited guests to a gala dinner in the "Kaisersaal" of the Grand Hotel Kaiserhof Victoria in Bad Kissingen. The ETG Board of Directors, the Beckhoff team working at the ETG headquarters in Nuremberg, EtherCAT developers from the very beginning, and members of the ETG Technical Committee and the Marketing Committee were among those who have made a decisive contribution to the success of EtherCAT.

The committee meetings took place around the festive evening: Both the Technical Committee and the Marketing Committee meet twice a year to discuss the results of the various technical working groups and to coordinate the worldwide marketing activities of the organization. Participants came from as far away as Japan and Korea.

Martin Rostan, Executive Director of the ETG, looked back on 20 years of EtherCAT and EtherCAT Technology Group in his tongue-in-cheek keynote speech: from "Fast Lightbus" to EtherCAT, from the ETG start with 33 founding members to the world's largest fieldbus organization with almost 7,400 member companies from 73 countries, and from zero to 60 million EtherCAT devices. 213 ETG trade fair booths, 175 Roadshows in 51 countries, 59 Plugfests, countless working group and standardization meetings and, of course, the diverse work of the ETG teams contributed numerous entertaining photos, anecdotes and remarkable experiences. Martin Rostan thanked the Beckhoff developers for preparing what is recognized as the best fieldbus technology for the ETG for dissemination and further development, the ETG team for 20 years of dedicated collaboration, as well as the ETG board and committee members for helping to shape the organization and the technology - and ETG honorary member Hans Beckhoff for consistently opening up EtherCAT and his diverse support of the ETG.

In his welcoming speech, Hans Beckhoff first highlighted the role of the original development team, which has achieved extraordinary results. He then congratulated the ETG team on their success and thanked them for their energetic work over the past 20 years.

Press picture 1:

Picture caption: Keynote speech by Martin Rostan, Executive Director of the ETG, during the gala dinner celebrating 20 years of EtherCAT
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Press picture 2:

Picture caption: The members of the ETG Board and Technical Committee at the EtherCAT Anniversary Meeting
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About EtherCAT Technology Group (ETG):
The EtherCAT Technology Group is an organization in which key user companies from various industries and leading automation suppliers join forces to support, promote and advance the EtherCAT technology. With over 7.300 members from 73 countries the EtherCAT Technology Group is the largest fieldbus organization in the world. Founded in November 2003, it is also the fastest growing fieldbus organization.

About EtherCAT®:
EtherCAT is the Industrial Ethernet technology which stands for high-performance, low-cost, easy to use with a flexible topology. It was introduced in 2003 and has been an international IEC standard and a SEMI standard since 2007. EtherCAT is an open technology: anyone can implement or use it.

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