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The ideal venue for interoperability and professional exchange – 2013 Spring European EtherCAT Plug Fest in Tettnang, Germany

The 2013 Spring European EtherCAT Plug Fest conducted by the EtherCAT Technology Group (ETG) from May 14th to 15th, 2013, was a great success with 27 manufacturers from 9 countries in attendance. Interoperability tests and the professional information exchange between experts and participants were the main highlights of this two-day event which took place at the facilities of wenglor sensoric in Tettnang, Germany.

Florian Häfele, the onsite EtherCAT expert from the EtherCAT Technology Group, confirmed the high interest in such ETG events: "Our Plug Fests offer great benefits to the participants in Europe and worldwide. The fact that this most recent event was fully booked within a very short period of time demonstrated this impressively."

In addition, the participants' feedback was similarly positive. ETG member company wenglor sensoric made its premises available for good reason. Organizer Manuel Gärtner, developer at wenglor sensoric, explains: "EtherCAT is increasingly important. This makes an event such as the Plug Fest a critical part of our strategy regarding EtherCAT technology."

This statement is confirmed by the active participation of the other ETG member companies: In total, 27 manufacturers from 9 countries joined the event with over 40 EtherCAT devices. Particularly satisfying was the large number of masters brought to the event – during the two days 10 of those implementations were tested to check for their interoperability with other devices. As usual, the EtherCAT Conformance Test Tool was used, representing a convenient method to put EtherCAT products through standardized tests during the product development stage.

In addition to the events in Europe the ETG conducts EtherCAT Plug Fests in Asia and North America on a regular basis. Interested companies find all information about dates and locations on the website of the EtherCAT Technology Group.

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Picture caption:
With the 2013 Spring European EtherCAT Plug Fest the EtherCAT Technology Group offered an important venue to test EtherCAT devices for interoperability.

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 2,300 members from 56 countries the EtherCAT Technology Group has become 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 standard since 2007. The EtherCAT Technology Group promotes EtherCAT and is responsible for its continued development. EtherCAT is an open technology: anyone is allowed to implement or use it.

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