

EtherCAT Technology Group honors 2,000th member

Leading automotive parts supplier, ZF Friedrichshafen AG (ZF) has become the 2000th member of the world's largest fieldbus organization, the EtherCAT Technology Group (ETG). An event marking the occasion and official distinction recently took place at ZF's company headquarters in Friedrichshafen, Germany.

Since its foundation in 2003, the EtherCAT Technology Group continues to grow and reached a significant milestone last year: with ZF Friedrichshafen AG, the 2,000th ETG member officially became part of the organization in the middle of 2012. Martin Rostan, Executive Director of the EtherCAT Technology Group relays his excitement: "We are happy to welcome ZF as a valued addition to the circle of ETG members. The fact that we broke the 2,000 member mark is clear evidence for the widespread acceptance EtherCAT has reached during the past 10 years."

During his visit to Friedrichshafen, Martin Rostan presented an award and certificate to those responsible at ZF, Rüdiger Ammann and Dr. Florian Kusche. Rüdiger Ammann, Head of FC Test Bench Management at ZF Group, explained why ZF selected EtherCAT in the first place: "We joined the ETG due to EtherCAT's high flexibility and performance. EtherCAT is becoming an important part of our automation system for control and data acquisition on our test benches."

The latest developments within the ETG show how rapidly EtherCAT technology is evolving: Since the addition of ZF to the ETG ranks, many more new members have joined – today, the organization has over 2,200 member companies in 56 countries.

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From left: Dr. Florian Kusche (ZF), Martin Rostan (ETG) and Rüdiger Ammann (ZF) during the official distinction of ZF as 2,000th member of the EtherCAT Technology Group.

The **EtherCAT Technology Group (ETG)** 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 2200 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.

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