

### **EtherCAT Technology Group welcomes 4000<sup>th</sup> member**

**Recently, the EtherCAT Technology Group (ETG) welcomed its 4,000<sup>th</sup> member into the organization. The official tribute to KOCH Pac-Systeme GmbH, a supplier of advanced packaging machinery equipped with EtherCAT and EtherCAT P, took place in the frame of the SPS IPC Drives 2016 trade fair in Nuremberg, Germany.**

The EtherCAT Technology Group (ETG) has reached another membership milestone: In November, German supplier of advanced packaging solutions, KOCH Pac-Systeme GmbH, joined the organization as member number 4,000. A tribute in honor of this landmark took place in the frame of this year's SPS IPC Drives show in Nuremberg, Germany. Jürgen Welker, Divisional Director of Control System and Service at KOCH, represented the company in Nuremberg to accept the official membership certificate with accompanying award. He explains the reason for joining the ETG as follows: "Beyond the high quality and efficiency, the individuality we gain differentiates our packaging solutions. We have benefitted from the openness and flexibility of EtherCAT for quite some time, and have recently started to work with EtherCAT P as well. Therefore, official membership in the ETG was the next logical step for us."

Martin Rostan, Executive Director of the ETG, who presented the award to KOCH Pac-Systeme, also reflects on the membership milestone: "KOCH Pac-Systeme joining the ETG is evidence of how well accepted EtherCAT P is already as an extension to EtherCAT. The fact that the ETG has now reached 4,000 member companies is a clear sign that the strong development of our organization continues and is marked by extraordinary growth."

A membership in the EtherCAT Technology Group offers several advantages to companies working with EtherCAT and EtherCAT P, including the possibility to participate actively in the technology's development.

More information about ETG membership can be found here:  
[https://www.ethercat.org/en/membership\\_benefits.html](https://www.ethercat.org/en/membership_benefits.html)

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From left: Jürgen Welker, Divisional Director of Control System and Service at KOCH Pac-Systeme GmbH, and Martin Rostan, Executive Director EtherCAT Technology Group

## About EtherCAT Technology Group (ETG):

The EtherCAT Technology Group (ETG) is an association in which key user companies from various industries and leading automation suppliers join forces to support, promote and advance the EtherCAT technology. With over 4,000 members from 65 countries, the EtherCAT Technology Group has become the largest fieldbus organization in the world. Founded in November 2003, it is also the fastest growing association of its kind.

## About EtherCAT®:

EtherCAT is the fastest Industrial Ethernet technology and stands for high-performance, low-cost, ease of use and a flexible topology. It was introduced in 2003 and became an international standard and a SEMI standard in 2007. The EtherCAT Technology Group promotes EtherCAT and is responsible for its continued development. EtherCAT is also an open technology: anyone is allowed to implement or use it.

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