

EtherCAT Technology Group Members

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**EtherCAT Technology Group Membership Assembly 2008**

Nov 6th, 2008

Dear ETG Members,

we invite you to participate in the ETG Membership Assembly on Tuesday, **November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008**. The Membership Assembly will take place at the **CCN Mitte**, Room Mailand, at the **Nuremberg Exhibition Center** in Germany, in conjunction with the SPS/IPC/Drives Show. The Membership Assembly will start at **6:15 p.m.** in order not to interfere with the trade show. We expect to be finished by 8:00 p.m.

The CCN (Congress Center Nuremberg Mitte) is located next to the "Mitte" (middle) Entrance of the SPS/IPC/Drives Show (where the subway station is located), with the ETG joint Booth in Hall 6/208.

This year the special will focus on an interesting EtherCAT application: Robert Bühlmann, CTO of Profimatics GmbH, will report on a high speed tool monitoring system.

**Agenda:**

1. Report from the Board of Directors
  - ETG Membership Development
  - ETG Events, Trade Show Participations, Road Shows and Activities 2008
  - EtherCAT Market Situation
  - Update International Standardization
  - Plan of Events and Activities 2009
2. Modification of the By-Laws (see proposal on the next page)
3. Conformance Test Policy discussion and approval (see attachment)
4. Discharge of the Board of Directors
5. Elections: Board of Directors
6. EtherCAT Technology News Update
  - Power over EtherCAT
  - Safety Drive Profile
  - FDT/DTM for EtherCAT
  - Installation Profile
  - Conformance Testing News
7. Special: Application  
**EtherCAT enabled Control Architecture for high speed Tool Monitoring System**  
Robert Bühlmann, CTO, Profimatics GmbH, Hamburg, Germany
8. Miscellaneous

Please register at [http://www.ethercat.org/registration\\_ma](http://www.ethercat.org/registration_ma) in order to help us with the organization. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,

Dr. Peter Heidrich, Erich Hutflesz, Martin Rostan  
Board of Directors  
EtherCAT Technology Group

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### Proposed Changes of the ETG By-Laws:

#### Preamble

*Current Version:*

... The EtherCAT Technology Group intends to be constituted as a German non-registered club ...

*Proposal:*

... The EtherCAT Technology Group **is** constituted as a German non-registered club ...

*Reasoning:*

The ETG has been constituted, the By-Laws should reflect this.

#### Article 7.1

*Current Version:*

... provided, however, that Beckhoff as the founding member...

*Proposal:*

... provided, however, that **Beckhoff Automation GmbH, Verl, Germany ("Beckhoff")** as the founding member ...

*Reasoning:*

Clarification. The founding member is the company Beckhoff Automation GmbH, not an individual.

#### Article 7.5

*Proposal:*

Add Article 7.5.7: The board shall

**establish, pass and publish statutes, guidelines or any other rules to serve the purpose of the group such as, but not limited to, protocol conformance, standardization and device interoperability.**

*Reasoning:*

Clarification: so far it could be questioned if the board is entitled to introduce and, if necessary, modify such rules. Calling for a membership assembly for every change in such rules should be avoided.

#### Article 9.1

*Current Version:*

... are solely owned by Elektro Beckhoff GmbH, Verl, Germany ("Beckhoff"). The Group ...

*Proposal:*

...are solely owned by Beckhoff. The Group

*Reasoning:*

Clarification in line with the proposed change in 7.1.

#### Article 9.2

*Current Version:*

Each member of the Group shall disclose the existence of any intellectual property right for information relevant to EtherCAT technology to the members of the Group prior to the participation in any event of the Group the pertinent member intends to use or disclose such information ...

*Proposal:*

Each member of the Group shall disclose the existence of any intellectual property right for information relevant to EtherCAT technology to the members of the Group prior to the participation in any event of the Group, **in which** the pertinent member intends to use or disclose such information ...

*Reasoning:*

Clarification.

#### Article 9.3

*Current Version:*

During the term of its membership in the group each member grants the group and the other members the use of their company names and company logos for the sole purpose of promoting the EtherCAT technology. During the term ...

*Proposal:*

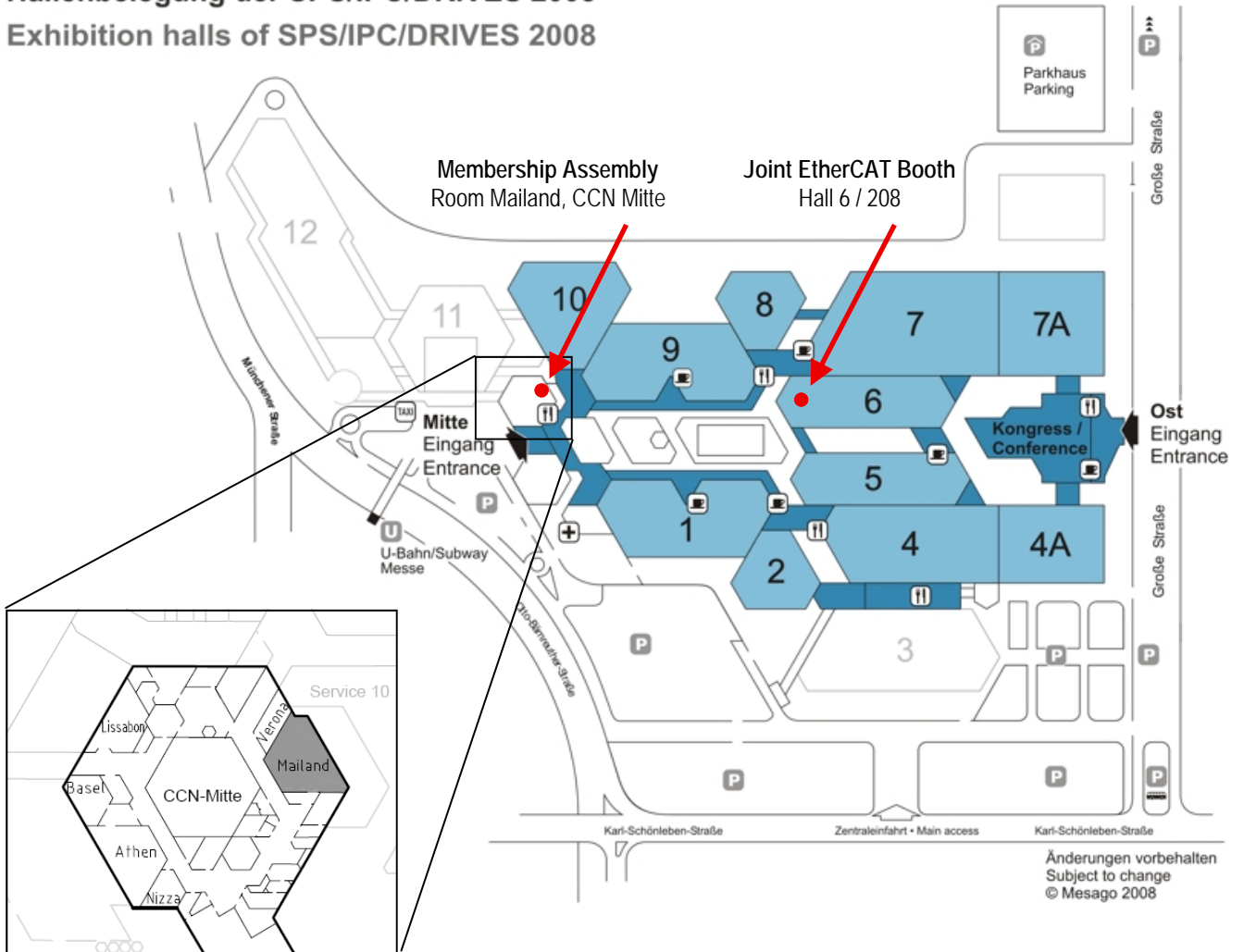
During the term of its membership in the group each member grants the group and the other members the use of their company names and company logos for the sole purpose of promoting the EtherCAT technology. **Individual group members shall use a member logo compilation only and shall not use single company names or logos for the given purpose.** During the term ...

*Reasoning:*

Clarification. Potential members expressed concern that ETG members would misuse the potential members logo by emphasizing this logo individually rather than promoting EtherCAT with the member logos at large.

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**Hallenbelegung der SPS/IPC/DRIVES 2008**  
Exhibition halls of SPS/IPC/DRIVES 2008



Location plan