

## **EtherCAT Technology Group now more than 500 members**

**The EtherCAT Technology Group has exceeded the milestone of 500 member companies. Member No. 500 is Salvagnini, the Italian company known for sheet metal manufacturing solutions.**

Roberto Capolupo, CEO of Salvagnini Italia S.P.A., received the membership certificate at a small ceremony at their Vicenza plant, close to Verona in northern Italy. "Salvagnini considers itself to be the driving force in sheet metal fabrication. Joining the EtherCAT Technology Group and adopting this superior communication technology is hence in line with our philosophy: to continue to be the worldwide reference for applying intelligence to sheet metal working."

Martin Rostan, Executive Director of the ETG, adds: "To exceed 500 member companies just 3½ years after founding the EtherCAT Technology Group is exciting. The ETG now has members from 35 countries, which shows the tremendous worldwide interest in our technology. Companies like Salvagnini benefit notably from EtherCAT, since they not only have demanding applications, but also develop their own control technology. Thus, high performance paired with simple implementation and low costs are crucial: features where EtherCAT provides a unique combination of advantages. We welcome Salvagnini as our member No. 500 and look forward to support their EtherCAT application as successfully as we have done this with so many members in the past."

The **EtherCAT Technology Group** is an international user and vendor organization in which key user companies from various industries and leading automation suppliers join forces to support, promote and advance the EtherCAT technology. It was founded in November 2003.

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### Press picture



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Roberto Capolupo, CEO of Salvagnini Italia S.P.A., presents the membership certificate in the presence of Martin Rostan (Executive Director, ETG, on the left).

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