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HEDRICH GmbH Successful as TOP 100 Innovator - Honored by Ranga Yogeshwar at the German SME Summit

For more than 20 years, the "Top 100" seal has been a byword for innovation, curiosity and team spirit. It was on Friday June 23rd, when the most successful think tanks in Germany received the coveted prize. The festive ceremony with more than 1000 visitors was taking place within the impressive scenery of the Colosseum theatre in Essen.

"Top 100" mentor Ranga Yogeshwar honored the companies by presenting the Top 100 innovator award that HEDRICH can undoubtedly tell to be part of in 2017.

"Our employees are the ones that are exclusively instrumental to that prize. Without the creativity of all our team and the courage to form the new we would not have been able to "set and keep the pace" this way in our business range", was Joachim Schulz' (president) answer to the question what he thinks is the basis for this success. "Innovations have been our daily business for a long time already. Individual requests by our customers keep up a permanently high spirit for innovation in development, and enable new technologies and process optimizations to be generated again and again. Finally, our employees' efforts were honored by this visual prize. Thanks to our really excellent team!"

Since 1993, compamedia has awarded the TOP 100 seal to medium-sized companies for spe¬cial innovative power and outstanding innovative success. The scientific direction is in the hands of Prof. Dr. Nikolaus Franke since 2002. Franke is chairman at the Institute for Innova-tion and Entrepreneurship (IIE) of the University of Economics and Business Vienna and visiting researcher at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). 18 research prizes and more than 200 publications border his path as internationally leading innovation researcher. Project partners are the Fraunhofer Gesellschaft zur Förderung der angewandten Forschung e.V. (Society for the Promotion of Applied Research) and the SME associations BVMW. Franke's research focuses in entrepreneurship, innovation management and marketing. The scientist is one of the best recognized experts for user innovation in the world.

Let figures show the success of this year's "Top 100":

101 national market leaders and 26 global leaders. In the past three years, they have applied



for a total of 1226 international and national patents. Their sales increase in the previous five years has been by 20 percentage points higher than the growth in their respective sectors. Lastly, they have generated 38 percent of their sales by new products on the market and innovative improvements. This balance turns the companies into job motors: Until 2018, abt. 9500 new jobs are planned to be created.

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