**Hettich proud of holding EMAS validation for 25 years**

**Hettich's Kirchlengern/Bünde and Frankenberg operating bases have been EMAS validated for a quarter of a century**

**The Hettich Group is the only leading manufacturer of furniture fittings to meet the voluntary, stringent EU requirements laid down in EMAS – and doing so for 25 years.**

The Hettich Group has been taking part in the European Union's Eco Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS) for as long ago as 1997. Any environmental management system under EMAS includes the requirements laid down in international environmental management systems standard ISO 14001. The stringent EMAS criteria provide effective instruments that systematically take into account and measurably improve direct environmental aspects, such as energy and resource efficiency and hazard management, but also indirect environmental aspects, such as legal compliance. In the meantime, four of Hettich's German bases as well as our operations abroad in Spain and the Czech Republic now take part in the annual review cycles.

Once again, the Hettich Group's largest operating base in Kirchlengern/Bünde as well as the Frankenberg facility have now passed this independent, external validation by the state approved environmental auditors. "We can be very proud of holding the EMAS validation for a quarter century. Because EMAS not only continuously helps us to review the impact we have on the environment but also to document improvement measures and present them in a transparent manner," Lisa Castro Lago, Corporate Strategy Manager at Hettich, is pleased to report. "This is an investment in the responsibility we take for the environment under our sustainability strategy. We are aiming to achieve climate neutral Hettich operating bases, want to continue conserving resources and boost our energy efficiency."

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Environmental auditor Dr. Ralf Rieken carried out the EMAS audit at the Kirchlengern/Bünde site. Hettich passed with flying colors.

(from left to right: Ute Schulz, Corporate Responsibility Team at Hettich; Irene Schirokow, Environmental Management Officer at Hettich; Thomas Kohlmeier, Project Planning at Hettich; Dr. Ralf Rieken, Environmental Auditor C&S; Michael Lehmkuhl, Managing Director at Hettich) Photo: Hettich



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EMAS 25th anniversary certificate presented by the Chamber of Industry and Commerce to colleagues at Hettich Druck- und Spritzgusswerk in Frankenberg. (from left to right Frank Blanke, Managing Director at Hettich in Frankenberg;

Hubert Engel, Quality and Environmental Management Officer at Hettich in Frankenberg; Elke Elsner, Environmental Consultant at the Kassel-Marburg Chamber of Industry and Commerce; Marcel Werner, Energy and Environmental Consultant at the Kassel-Marburg Chamber of Industry and Commerce; Frank Mütze, Environmental Coordinator and Occupational Health and Safety Specialist at Hettich in Frankenberg) Photo: Hettich



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Hettich's Kirchlengern/Bünde operating base once again receives EMAS certification.

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Hettich's Frankenberg facility once again gets EMAS certification.

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About Hettich

Hettich was founded in 1888 and is today one of the world's largest and most successful manufacturers of furniture fittings. Over 7,400 members of staff in almost 80 countries work together towards the objective: Developing intelligent technology for furniture. Hettich thus inspires people all over the world and is a valuable partner for the furniture industry, trade and craft. The Hettich brand stands for consistent values: For quality and innovation. For reliability and customer proximity. Despite its size and international significance, Hettich has remained a family business. Being independent of investors means that the company has a free hand in shaping its future with a focus on the human element and sustainability. www.hettich.com