

## **Airbus joins EtherCAT Technology Group as the organization's 3000<sup>th</sup> member**

**Membership development for the EtherCAT Technology Group (ETG) has reached another major milestone: With the addition of Airbus Operations GmbH, the ETG recently passed the 3000 member mark. An event commemorating this official distinction took place during the SPS IPC Drives 2014 tradeshow at the ETG booth.**

Membership of the EtherCAT Technology Group has grown unabated worldwide, as evidenced by the recent entry of the organization's 3000<sup>th</sup> member. Martin Rostan, Executive Director of the EtherCAT Technology Group, was pleased to welcome the prominent new member to the ETG: "We are pleased that Airbus, a globally-known and well-respected company, joined the ranks of our organization and, of course, publicly backs the value of EtherCAT technology. In 2003, the ETG started with 33 members. Now, the group numbers have grown even higher than 3000, from 58 countries worldwide – strong evidence for the widespread and still growing acceptance of the technology all over the world."

Representing Airbus – operating in Germany under the name, Airbus Operations GmbH – Dr.-Ing. Volker H.-W. Meyer came to the SPS IPC Drives 2014 show in Nuremberg, Germany. Meyer, who is responsible for the control and measurement technology used in high-lift system tests at Airbus, was presented with an award and an official membership certificate at the EtherCAT Technology Group tradeshow booth. Meyer explained why the company joined the ETG as follows: "Since we have used EtherCAT successfully in measuring systems for data acquisition for several years, we're looking for a possible wider use of the technology in the frame of real-time capable test systems in which not only the performance itself but also guaranteed response times in narrow tolerances are crucial. We see further benefits in the decentralized architecture, expandability and not least in the openness of the standard so that future test systems can benefit from the developments in other industries. That's why we joined in the EtherCAT Technology Group. Being a member, we profit from the comprehensive support services of the ETG, including training and access to free software. This enables us to assist our development partners in the most capable way."

## Picture:

Please note that the press picture for this release will be available for download ([www.ethercat.org/press](http://www.ethercat.org/press)) Nov 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

## 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 3.000 members from 58 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, easy to use with 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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