

PRESS RELEASE

Products are the mirror of corporate philosophy

VA TECH ELIN EBG Elektronik (Electronics) will be on the market as Schneider Electric Power Drives in future The high quality level remains

“Satisfied customers, this is what counts,” stresses Ing. Karl Kosik, General Manager of Schneider Electric Power Drives GmbH. As VA TECH ELIN EBG Elektronik has been renamed to Schneider Electric Power Drives, the well-known brand *>pDRIVE<*, which stands for frequency converters, motors and network restorers, appears under a different company name. Decades of experience in the field of electronic driving technology in the former ELIN Group and long-standing co-operation with Schneider Electric have turned Schneider Electric Power Drives into a competence centre for power drives and innovative system solutions. The close link between users, developers and production guarantees innovation uncompromisingly focusing on customer benefits at the location in Vienna.

Frequency converters of the brand *>pDRIVE<* can be found in ventilation systems, tunnel drilling machines, conveyor belts, blungers, pumps, rolling mills or test beds. Certificate Number 66, which has been issued by Quality Austria, documents the long tradition of high-grade quality policy. This Certificate was issued in April 1993. This means the company can be regarded as being one of the quality management pioneers in Austria.

Quality management is just as obvious as accounting or auditing

“The first milestone in quality management was co-operation with British Aerospace in the early 1980’s,” remembers Ing. Franz Stoiber, Quality Manager. The quality requirements placed by British Aerospace were very high. Here the foundations for success with quality were laid. Certification acc. to ISO 9001 was a logical step.

“Today quality management should be just as obvious for a company as accounting or auditing,” says Ing. Franz Stoiber. “In my eyes an essential benefit we can draw from quality audits is that we can profit from the experience of the auditors of Quality Austria. Today’s audits offer benchmarking opportunities,” knows Mr. Kosik. Today certification no longer is a competitive advantage. It simply is expected. However, we would lose customers without ISO 9001 certification.

Quality management as an excellent management tool

“Our frequency converters are used all over the world. This means quality of the product must be ok at delivery. For failures will lead to high servicing costs, or possibly required call-back campaigns would become very expensive and even put the company’s subsistence at risk.” This is how Mr. Kosik explains the motivation for the high quality and reliability requirements. There are also customers who demand very high availability guarantees (99 %). Therefore, it is necessary to ensure the standstill time due to maintenance and servicing is reduced to a minimum. As Mr. Kosik puts it, “Quality management continues to be an excellent management tool. And success is measurable.”

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