



Awarded the TOP 100 Seal of Approval:

M10 Industries AG amongst the Innovation Elite of German SMEs

SME Summit on June 24th in Essen, Germany: Award presented by Ranga Yogeshwar

Freiburg, Essen June 27th, 2016. Freiburg-based mechanical engineering company M10 Industries AG has been awarded the TOP 100 Seal of Approval as a top innovator amongst German SMEs. The innovation competition's mentor, Ranga Yogeshwar, honored the company last Friday, June 24th, as part of the German SME Summit in Essen. M10 Industries develops, assembles and installs high-performance soldering machines for the photovoltaic industry: "Within the mechanical engineering sector we are up against strong competition — the Top Innovator award confirms us in our continued mission to provide the best solutions for our customers", Gregor Reddemann, Managing Director at M10 Industries, explained at the award ceremony. TOP 100 has been on the market for more than 20 years and is considered the most important award for innovative SMEs.

Innovation as a Team Effort

M10 Industries has developed a new high-performance stringer called "Kubus", the world's only stringer able to provide an uninterrupted production process. The machine can solder up to 5,000 solar cells per hour as the machine produces six strings at once. "The advantage is evident: it allows a more cost-effective solar module production process", Reddemann explains. This innovative machine made by the SME from Freiburg, Germany, is constantly being further developed by a small and vigorous team. For Reddemann the TOP 100 Seal of Approval is also "an award for the team effort."The innovative success of the start-up company has not only convinced the scientific TOP 100 team: only last week, M10 Industries' high-performance stringer "Kubus" was presented the Intersolar Award 2016 for innovation at the Intersolar Europe trade fair in Munich.

Founders' Spirit and Experience

Always being ahead of the times is everyday life at the Freiburg company. M10 Industries was established in 2011 by Gregor Reddemann, Günter Schneidereit and Reinhard Willi with the idea of designing a soldering machine ("stringer"),



for the first time ever, would enable uninterrupted production of photovoltaic modules."That is an absolute innovation, no other machine on the market has these properties," Willi and Schneidereit underline. They are the main shareholders and bring their experience to the group of companies as two of the solar energy pioneers. The group of companies can thus also look back on twenty years of experience in mechanical engineering in the photovoltaic industry.

TOP 100 Companies: Pacemaker of SMEs' economy

Over 4,000 companies showed their interest in participating in this year's TOP 100. 238 of the 366 applications in the qualification round made the TOP 100 (at maximum 100 in each of the three size categories). Companies were assessed by Prof. Dr. Nikolaus Franke and his team from the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Institute at the Vienna University of Economics and Business.

Characters (including spaces): 2,832

More information about the company:

Development, production and services for photovoltaic systems — these are the core skills which the new M10 Solar Campus competence center will use to provide the industry with new perspectives. M10 Industries AG develops and produces high-productivity systems for photovoltaic automation. In so doing, the company relies entirely on German production facilities. Its subsidiary, SI Module GmbH, represents an independent technology and service center. Its facilities allow system tests and training in real production conditions as well as parallel support for external maintenance processes. For more information visit www.m10ag.de and www.m10-solar-campus.de.

TOP 100: the Competition

compamedia has been awarding the TOP 100 Seal of Approval for outstanding innovative capacity and above-average innovation success to SMEs since 1993. Scientifically, the award has been chaired by Prof. Dr. Nikolaus Franke from the Entrepreneurship and Innovation institute at the Vienna University of Economics and Business since 2002. Scientific journalist and TV presenter Ranga Yogeshwar is the mentor of the TOP 100. The Fraunhofer Society for the advancement of applied research and the German Association for Small and Medium-sized Businesses are project partners in the initiative, while "manager magazin" supports the company comparison as media partner. For more information visit www.top100.de.

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M10 Industries AG awarded the TOP 100 Seal of Approval at the 3rd German SME Summit on June 24th, 2016 in Essen (from left to right: TOP 100 mentor Ranga Yogeshwar and Gregor Reddemann, founder and Managing Director of M10 Industries AG) © KD Busch/compamedia



M10 Solar Campus: M10 Industries AG's corporate headquarters

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Award-winning, high-performance stringer from M10 Industries AG

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