

AGO AG Energie + Anlagen's climate protection program ECo-Plus among the three best in the category 'energy & environment'

**AGO AG Energie + Anlagen was awarded in the course of the Industry Prize 2009
Company from Kulmbach successful for the third time in the competition of the initiative for
medium-sized companies**

- +++ Nomination in the category 'energy & environment'**
- +++ Federal Minister of Economics, Mr. Karl Theodor zu Guttenberg, congratulated**

Kulmbach, 22 April 2009: AGO AG Energie + Anlagen (cusip number: A0LR41; ISIN: DE000A0LR415) has been among the three nominated companies in the category 'energy & environment' for the Industry Prize 2009 by the initiative for medium-sized companies. The jury of editors and PR experts appreciates AGO AG's achievements in terms of innovational content and industrial benefit with a position among the three best. The Federal Minister of Economics, Karl Theodor zu Guttenberg, congratulates AGO AG at the Hanover Trade Fair.

The climate protection program by AGO AG was explicitly developed for the industry, explains Ulrich Gruber, CFO of AGO AG Energie + Anlagen. Its aim is the conversion from oil and gas to wood chips or pellets as energy source. Mr. zu Guttenberg emphasized that especially the focus on climate protection and the support of the industry when it comes to investments in regenerative energy supply plants led to the positioning of the top three. The program was an excellent example for how German companies could overcome recession successfully with courage and innovation.

AGO AG is the first Contractor in Germany to have developed a project for the joint implementation of climate protection with the sole focus on biomass utilization. The climate protection program aims at industrial customers and public institutions in Germany and applies to energy centres with combustion heat performances of 400 kW to 19.9 MW. By approving this project, the Federal Republic of Germany authorizes AGO AG Energie + Anlagen to take part in a project according to Article 6 of the Kyoto Protocol.

"With the ECo-Plus climate protection program initiated by us, we are the pioneer in a highly interesting market environment. It is our ambition to convince German medium-sized companies and municipalities of the conversion of their energy supply from fossil to regenerative fuels by means of ecological factors and economically attractive conditions. Through the conversion, the companies reduce their CO2 emissions and benefit from emission allowances which can be profitably sold. We are all the more happy to be one of the nominated companies again this year. That shows that AGO is on the right track when it comes to

innovation, says Ulrich Gruber, CFO of AGO AG. The company is not just an industrial energy supplier, it is much more a partner of the industry and public authorities when economically optimal energy supply solutions are concerned, taking the environmental awareness into consideration.

The nomination already is the third appreciation by the initiative for medium-sized companies. In 2007, the biomass cogeneration plant in Alperstedt was awarded in the field of 'energy & environment' and in 2008 the ammonia/water absorption chiller "ago congelato" was awarded in the category 'engineering'.



Hans Ulrich Gruber (on the right-hand side), CFO of AGO AG Energie + Anlagen, talking to the Federal Minister of Economics, Karl Theodor zu Guttenberg (on the left-hand side)



Hans Ulrich Gruber (on the right hand-side), CFO of AGO AG Energie + Anlagen, baroness Stephanie zu Guttenberg (in the middle of the picture), Franz Brosch, member of supervisory board (on the left-hand side)

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The company with company headquarters in Kulmbach which was founded in 1980 is a specialist in the area of innovative and efficient energy supply and facilities. AGO AG focuses on the three business segments project development and implementation, operation of facilities as well as service & consulting. The company's core competences are mainly biomass cogeneration plants, cogeneration plants, heat and refrigeration plants, trigeneration as well as contracting. Location studies / location development, energy efficiency consulting, raw material and fuel management as well as emissions trading round off the business model. AGO stands for efficiency, reliability and technological competence for your energy supply plants.