

Press release

"We consider the whole world our market". Essen based **Cofermin group** is recognized with the **German foreign trade award 2016**.

Essen based Cofermin group is winner of the 2016 German foreign trade award. The assumption of social responsibility was one of the points that convinced the jury to pick the international raw material distributor as this year's winner.

The award was presented during the closing ceremony of this year's German foreign trade meeting in Bremen. Runner up was Mangelberger Elektrotechnik GmbH from Bravaria and Jüke Systemtechnik GmbH from Northrhein-Westphalia became third.

The German Foreign Trade Award recognizes companies that show exceptional cooperate engagement, utilize supporting program offered by the government and foreign trade associations and show a constant history of economic success.

This year a total of 30 companies competed for the award. The jury, among others comprised of the federal association of foreign trade, the federation of German industry and the association of German chambers of commerce and industry.

Jury member Gregor Wolf from the federal association of foreign trade said the Cofermin group convinced because of their social responsibility that also leads to the creation of new jobs. The Cofermin group employs 40 people at the headquarters in Essen and serves over 300 direct customers. The company is a trading and distribution expert for specialty raw materials, supplying hundreds of different materials to various industries all around the word. Cofermin often act as agents for specialty raw material producers. The jury highlighted the international network that makes the company so efficient.

Tim Geldmacher und Bettina Bohnen, two of the managing partners of the group said during the ceremony in the historic town hall of Bremen "We consider the whole world our potential market" "We market specialty raw materials but our most important resource are our employees."

The company puts great effort into the recruiting and education of its employees. Management and employees support international and national charities in the region such as Menschenmögliches e.V. and the volunteer agency Essen.

German Foreign Trade Day 2016

Under the patronage of the German minister of economics and energy, vice chancellor Sigmar Gabriel the 11th. German Foreign Trade day was held in Bremen on Tuesday April 19th 2016. 300 delegates exchanged ideas about the actual challenges of foreign trade

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