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Kiefel wins ABB European Value Provider Award

Freilassing. KIEFEL GmbH, a market leader for thermoforming and joining technology, has received the ABB European Value Provider Award in the "Outstanding Performance" category. Peter Eisl, CFO of Kiefel, accepted the award on Wednesday at the company's headquarters in Freilassing. With this award, ABB is highlighting the extensive robot-assisted automation that Kiefel provides, particularly in the NATUREFORMER KFT 90 system. Kiefel has been advancing into the new business field of fiber thermoforming for around a year, the fiber thermoforming of packaging and other products based on natural fibers with this system.

Greater flexibility through automation

The mechanical engineering company has relied on industrial robot technology from ABB for many years, and has now further expanded their collaboration with regard to the highly sought-after fiber technology. In the KFT 90, the ABB robots are used for tool handling and product pick-and-place. These systems enable Kiefel to achieve move rapid development and faster commissioning for its customers, as well as making the machine more flexible to adapt to other product variants.

Awards ceremony in exceptional circumstances

Due to the corona pandemic, this year's award ceremony was primarily virtual, with a small group also meeting at Kiefel. The award was presented by members of the ABB team, Gabi Gutter-Johansen, Local Business Line Manager General Industry, and Sebastian Spanfelner, Senior Sales Manager, to the Kiefel team.

"In ABB we have found a partner with whom we can meet the diverse requirements of our customers in fiber thermoforming," explains Peter Eisl. "Since we are already working at full speed on further developments, we are pleased about this recognition on our shared path." Kiefel is one of four European winners of this year's award and is the only German recipient.

Certified Services

It was not until August of this year that ABB included Kiefel in its in-house "Authorized Value Provider Program". This certification allows the machine manufacturer to offer its customers special advantages in sales, service and engineering, e.g. even faster support on a global level, access to demo robots or the further development of interface integrations.

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Presentation of the ABB European Value Provider Award to Kiefel. From left to right: Richard Hagenauer (Product Manager Fiber Thermoforming at Kiefel), Gabi Guter-Johansen (Local Business Line Manager General Industry at ABB), Sebastian Spanfelner (Senior Sales Manager at ABB), Peter Eisl (CFO at Kiefel), Martin Plössl (Strategic buyer at Kiefel) © KIEFEL GmbH

About KIEFEL GmbH

KIEFEL GmbH develops and produces high quality machines for processing plastics, bio-based materials and natural fibers. Kiefel's customers include well-known manufacturers from the medical engineering, refrigerator and packaging industries.

Kiefel has a global presence thanks to our own sales and service branches in the USA, France, the Netherlands, Russia, China, Brazil, Indonesia and India, as well as our sales partners in more than 60 countries.

Kiefel owns the Dutch thermoform toolmaker Kiefel Packaging BV, as well as the Austrian company KIEFEL Packaging GmbH, a supplier of tools and automation solutions.

Kiefel and its subsidiaries employ around 1,000 staff. KIEFEL GmbH is a member of the Brückner group, based in Siegsdorf, which is a family owned group of medium-sized enterprises active in machinery and plant engineering with around 2,600 employees at 24 different locations worldwide.

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