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Press Release

IFAT 2016 Gala Night

Start of online voting for the GreenTec Awards

In just under six months it will be time for the presentation of the GreenTec Awards in the IFAT Gala Night in Munich. The next edition of the World's Leading Trade Fair for Water, Sewage, Waste and Raw Materials Management takes place from May 30 to June 3, 2016 in Munich—the GreenTec Awards will be presented on May 29, 2016, i.e. on the evening before the opening of IFAT. But already the process of deciding upon the winners has started.

As of December 8 votes can be cast online on the website of the GreenTec Awards and on the websites of ProSieben/Galileo, WirtschaftsWoche Green and many other partners. Voting ends on January 13, 2016, and then we'll know who is in the running to win Europe's most prestigious environmental and business awards.

One of three nominees in each category is decided upon by online voting. The GreenTec Awards 2016 go to the most innovative and sustainable projects in a total of 17 categories. The hopefuls for the 2016 awards have submitted their entries in the categories of Automobility, Construction & Living, Energy, Green Office by KYOCERA, Lifestyle, Aviation, Production, Recycling & Resources, Travel, Water & Sewage and for the special prizes, the Galileo Knowledge Award, Start-up and the WWF Galileo Green Youngster Award. Projects were also nominated in the categories of Bike, Communication and Urbanization by the respective sponsors for these categories. In the Music category the winner is chosen by the sponsor, so this category is not a part of the online voting. The special prize, the WWF Galileo Green Youngster Award is being held this year

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for the first time in cooperation with ProSieben/Galileo and the WWF. It is open to young people, aged 14 to 20, who make a significant contribution to the protection of nature and the environment. The winner of this special prize is decided upon exclusively via online voting, it is therefore an audience prize.

In all the categories, the project that attracts the most online votes automatically goes through to the next round as one of the three nominees for the GreenTec Awards in the respective category. The other two nominees are chosen by a jury of experts. From these three candidates, the jury will pick the winner in each category, in a jury session taking place on February 24, 2016. The jury, composed of around 60 representatives from business, industry, politics and entertainment, selects the winning entries based upon criteria such as: how innovative the project is, its contribution to environmental protection, cost-effectiveness, long-term application possibilities and media appeal.

Further information on IFAT: www.ifat.de and the GreenTec Awards: www.greentec-awards.com

IFAT

IFAT is the world's leading trade event for environmental technology. A total of 3,081 exhibitors from 59 countries, and 135,288 visitors from 168 countries took part in the last event. IFAT is held every two years; the next edition takes place from May 30 to June 3, 2016 in Munich.

IFAT worldwide

Messe München's competence in organizing environmental-technology events is demonstrated not only in the world's leading trade fair for the sector, IFAT, but also in a range of other international trade exhibitions around the world. The spectrum encompasses IE expo in Shanghai, IFAT Eurasia in Turkey, IFAT India in Mumbai and the IFAT Environmental Technology Forum in Johannesburg.

About the GreenTec Awards

On May 29, 2016, the ceremony awarding Europe's largest environmental and business prize will take place for the ninth time. Following the tradition, a green carpet will be rolled out again for the roughly 1,000 guests from all over the globe for the gala at the ICM – Internationales Congress Center München. The GreenTec Awards are held to promote environmental and economic commitment as well as a passion for technology. The initiators and hosts **Marco Voigt** and **Sven Krüger** support this cause with enthusiasm. Over 100 partners, more than 50 ambassadors and 30 exhibitors enable this extraordinary event.

Messe München

Messe München is one of the world's leading trade-show companies. It organizes some 40 trade shows for capital and consumer goods and key high-tech industries in Munich alone. 14 of those events are number 1 in the world in their respective industries. Each year more than 30,000 exhibitors and some two million visitors take part in events held at the Messe München trade-fair center, the ICM – Internationales Congress Center München and the MOC Veranstaltungszentrum München. In addition, Messe München organizes trade shows in China, India, Turkey and South Africa. Messe München has a global business presence with affiliates in Europe, Asia and Africa and more than 60 foreign representatives serving more than 100 countries.