

PRESS RELEASE for WILA Lichttechnik GmbH

Sustainable quality for people and the environment

WILA Lichttechnik GmbH has been accredited with the EN ISO 14001 standard for its environmental management system.

Iserlohn. - Protecting the environment starts at home - a thought foremost in the minds of WILA Lichttechnik GmbH when the company developed a comprehensive environmental management system meeting the requirements of EN ISO 14001. This standard is applicable throughout Europe for companies which take measures to protect the environment. In fact the Iserlohn lighting experts had already been awarded EN ISO 9001 accreditation in autumn 2005 for their quality management system. This is the mark of an organised company which keeps to its standards. Audits are carried out annually and recertification takes place every three years. WILA passed the official audit conducted in October by Det Norske Veritas both for its quality management system and also for the first time, for its environmental management system. "The EN ISO 14001 certification is the result of all our hard work and is a fitting acknowledgement of our company philosophy. A sustainable approach to the environment is an important part of this", states Andreas Henrich, Managing Director of WILA in Iserlohn.

WILA manufactures professional lighting systems which provide quality lighting and are highly energy efficient. For years, the company has ensured that it uses only materials which do not damage the environment. "We have now applied these sustainable quality and environmental requirements at all levels of the company with the new management system", states Karl-Heinz Sommerlade Head of Production and Environmental and Quality Management.

Working together to increase environmental awareness

WILA selects its suppliers based on specific environmental factors. "Together we are striving to increase awareness of the environment in both our professional and private lives, especially among our employees", states Sommerlade. Already the decision to print out only important e-mails is having an impact. "We have reduced our paper use. This saves resources and money."

Like many German firms, WILA Lichttechnik GmbH has already contributed to reducing CO2 emissions. "We have lowered our energy requirements by two percent." WILA is currently seeking to take part in the German "Product Carbon Footprint" (PCF) pilot project run by such organisations as the World Wildlife Fund for Nature (WWF) and the Öko-Institut. Participating companies allow assessments to be carried out on the environmental impact caused by the manufacture, use and disposal of their goods or services. WILA will use knowledge gained on CO2 emissions generated during the manufacture of individual lighting systems for future initiatives to protect the environment.

An eco-label for Germany is planned as part of the PCF which will make it easier for consumers to make environmentally-conscious purchases.

Environmentally-friendly materials and energy-efficient, long-lasting products

In most cases, WILA already processes recyclable materials separately. Individual components, plastics and metals can be re-used when a luminaire has reached the end of its lifecycle. "We always aim to develop long-lasting products with optimal energy use", states Sommerlade. Our ongoing commitment to produce innovative solutions has led to the development of original products such as the E Connect Exilum lighting ranges with economic LED technology or the ECO Downlight, an efficient 14 Watt TC-Eco compact fluorescent light. Both use cutting-edge lighting technologies, combining a long lifespan with low energy use.

The comprehensive quality management system ensures that WILA lighting systems offer certified quality from the development phase to the materials used and the end product itself. This is closely coordinated with environmental management "and enables us to respond quickly to problems and focus on finding solutions." EN ISO 9001 and EN ISO 14001 accreditation is a major incentive to achieve the goals we have set ourselves, keep to these and continually review them" states Sommerlade.

Captions:

WILA people respect the environment. They are an integral part of the ISO 9001 and EN ISO 14001 accredited quality and environmental management system. They respond quickly to problems, focusing on finding the right solution and ensure that WILA lighting systems offer certified quality from the development phase to the materials used and the end product itself.

(Photos: WILA Lichttechnik)

Left: Andreas Henrich, Managing Director of WILA Lichttechnik GmbH in Iserlohn

Right: Karl-Heinz Sommerlade, Head of Production/Environmental and Quality Management

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The new E Connect[®] Exilum lighting range – shown here as spotlighting combines quality, performance and design. This high-precision technology has been especially developed to meet the requirements of efficient, long-lasting LEDs. In most cases, WILA processes recyclable materials separately. Individual components, plastics and metals can be re-used when a luminaire has reached the end of its lifecycle.

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