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Marabu awarded the BG RCI's "Systematic safety" seal of approval

BG RCI presents the certificate: from left to right Klaus Cee (Director of Quality Environment Safety), Uwe Wiesebrock (Operations Manager), Rolf Simon (member of the executive committee), Carolin Völlm (Chair of the Works Council) and Thomas Maus (responsible for the auditing process at BG RCI)

Tamm, Bietigheim-Bissingen, Germany, 30 March 2012 – on 29 March 2012, the BG RCI, the organization responsible for statutory employers' liability insurance for the quarry, aggregates, oil, gas and chemical industries, based in Heidelberg, awarded Marabu GmbH & Co. KG its health and safety seal of approval (named Systematic Safety, or *Sicher mit System*). Marabu received the accolade for the systematic integration of health and safety into its company structure within its Printing Inks and Creative Colours business fields.

Marabu joins the ranks of just a handful of companies in the German liquid coating and printing inks industry who have been successfully audited by the BG RCI. Moreover, Marabu is the first company in the creative colour sector to be granted this accolade by the BG RCI.

Mr Thomas Maus, responsible for the auditing process at BG RCI, presented the award to Rolf Simon, member of the executive committee, and Klaus Cee, Head of H & S and Quality Management. "With this award, the BGI seeks to promote positive examples and motivate all member companies to systematically integrate health and safety into their organisational structures," explained Mr Maus.

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As part of BG RCI's auditing process, Marabu improved its entire health and safety organization by identifying and eliminating weaknesses. This enabled Marabu to significantly reduce the risk of accidents and production outages. As a result, operating efficiency has increased and unnecessary costs have been eliminated. Using a variety of check lists and objective criteria, the BG RCI verified how effectively health and safety has been integrated into the organizational structure and processes. Marabu incorporated health and safety into its fully-computerized process-centric management system in 2003, eliminating costly and time-consuming paperwork. "This accolade recognizes the achievements of our plants in Tamm and Bietigheim-Bissingen and is the result of goal-driven and constructive teamwork between management, employee representatives, safety officers and other employees," stated executive committee member Rolf Simon.

The project group led by Mr Cee has a proven track record and benefits from the multi-disciplinary skills of its members. Klaus Cee confirmed that the system can only succeed if it is fully embraced by employees and effectively implemented in day-to-day operations. "Technology and work instructions can only get us so far – in the end, it can only bear fruit if all managers and supervisors set a positive example – one that is understood and actively put into action by each and every employee."

Project group from left to right: Martin Arbter (Quality Assurance Manager), Klaus Cee (Director of Quality Environment Safety), Uwe Wiesebrock (Operations Manager), Jeannette Müller (Environmental Protection and Hazardous Materials Officer), Carolin Völlm (Chair of the Works Council), Florence Neuman (Secretary, Quality, Environment, Safety Department), Marcus Auch (Head of HR)

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Marabu is a leading global manufacturer of screen, digital, and pad inks. The company is headquartered near Stuttgart, southern Germany – a region renowned for its pioneering technology and engineering prowess. Marabu's track record of innovation stretches back over more than 60 years, featuring many industry-first solutions for both industrial applications and graphic design. With its subsidiaries and exclusive distribution partners, Marabu offers high-quality products and customer-specific services in more than 80 countries. Exceptional technical support and hands-on customer training are core elements of its corporate philosophy. Sustainable business practices are also key to Marabu's vision – and have been implemented through a number of initiatives, with concrete results – and the company is committed to maintaining this course of action in future. Marabu has been certified to ISO 9001 since 1995 and to ISO 14001 since 2003.

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