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Dr. Marc Schweizer in the final of competition 'Entrepreneur of the Year 2011'

Schramberg/Frankfurt, September 27, 2011 - For the 15th time accountant and consulting company Ernst & Young elected Germany's best medium-sized entrepreneurs on September 23 in the Old Opera in Frankfurt. Following a multi-level and strict selection from 300 nominated companies, 65 companies made it to the final of the competition 'Entrepreneur of the Year 2011', among them Dr. Marc Schweizer, CEO of Schweizer Electronic AG. 'I am happy to belong to the finalists of this competition. This is a great personal success and also a success for all employees of Schweizer Electronic AG', Dr. Schweizer comments his reaching the final round.

'Due to its ambitious criteria and the high-ranking jury this entrepreneur prize enjoys a high reputation for many years', says Wolfgang Glauner, the competition's project leader. The 65 finalists distinguish themselves through particular innovation performance, thanks to the significant engagement of their qualified and highly motivated employees. They display efficient organizational structures with short decision making processes and thus can react flexibly on changing market conditions. From all of the finalists an independent jury composed of renowned experts in economy, selected the 'Entrepreneurs of the Year 2011'. For the five categories Industry, Commerce, Services, Information and Communications Technology/Media and Start-Up one winner each had been announced and honored in front of top-class guests.

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Innovation as a Key to Success

Companies being in the final round presented significant growth rates. They represented all industries, achieved average sales of 86 Million Euro per year and employed about 500 employees on average. In 2010 they hired about 2.600 new employees. Dr. Schweizer, too, was able to increase sales by 60 percent to 105 Million Euro and the number of employees rose by 12 percent. 'This confirms our company strategy. Our products and solutions fulfill the requirements of our customers and with our innovations we are leading in the area of PCBs', Dr. Marc Schweizer summarizes the reasons for growth.

An essential success factor of this year's finalists is the ability to quickly react on changing market conditions with innovative products and services: They invest more than average into innovations. They are therefore able to quickly bring latest developments to market and to counteract the growing consolidation in many industries. The entrepreneurs attribute the successful implementation of innovations to their qualified and committed staff. Thus education and training are playing a significant part in their companies.

About the competition, Entrepreneur of the Year

Ernst & Young are organizing the entrepreneur competition 'Entrepreneur of the Year, globally in more than 50 countries. In Germany the prize has been awarded for the 15th time. A neutral jury selects winners in five categories. This award identifies and honors peak company performances. The competition is supported by renowned companies and media, among them DZ Bank, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung and Manager Magazin. In parallel to awarding successful entrepreneurial personalities, Ernst & Young also took on the task of developing future generations of Entrepreneurs and has founded 'Entrepreneur of the Year Junior Academy'.

About Schweizer:

Schweizer Electronic AG is a leading manufacturer of premium PCBs, innovative solutions and services for automotive, solar and industry electronics. Based on recognized technology and consultancy competencies, SCHWEIZER's products and systems address central challenges in the areas of Power Electronics, Embedding and System Cost Reduction and are characterized by energy and environmentally friendly features. Together with its partners Contag GmbH and Meiko Electronics Co. Ltd. the company offers cost and production optimised solutions for small, medium and large series and within this network employs more than 13.000 people in Germany, Japan, China and Vietnam.

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With about 750 employees SCHWEIZER achieved sales of 105.4 million Euro in Fiscal Year 2010 (ending December). The company was founded in 1849, is managed by family members and listed at the Stuttgart Stock Exchange (ticker symbol „SCE“, „ISIN DE 000515623“).

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