

Award for e*Nergy Remote Control System

Berlin-Brandenburg Innovation Prize 2014 Goes to e*Message's StromPager

Berlin, December 8, 2014. e*Message Wireless Information Services Deutschland GmbH has won the 2014 Berlin-Brandenburg Innovation Prize. The Berlin mobile wireless network operator received the award for its innovative e*Nergy remote control system. The honor was presented December 5, 2014, at a gala event at the Campus Berlin-Buch biotech industrial park. The Berlin region's prestigious prize has been awarded annually in its current form since 1992 (www.innovationspreis.de).

The Innovation Prize honors outstanding and pioneering ideas, inventions and projects. "This award for our StromPager makes us very proud and strengthens our plans to continue working on the future of our energy infrastructure. e*Nergy delivers secure transmission of control signals, performing a key function in energy management," explained Dr. Dietmar Gollnick, CEO of e*Message. In view of the ongoing energy transition and the German Renewable Energies Act, this award is also seen as a clear sign to the energy industry.

Furthermore, as the only telecommunications company among this year's five winners, e*Message sees the prize as a reward for innovative spirit, originality and user benefit. The Berlin company operates Europe's largest high-reliability wireless network: a satellite-based wireless network, independent of public nets, of 1.300 base stations throughout Germany and France. e*Message is especially pleased to receive an award for innovation after 15 years in the market. "Our technologies are successful and up to date," said Gollnick.

Unlike the three major nationwide mobile communications operators, the e*Message Group provides an alternative communications infrastructure – often more secure, more energy-efficient and more economical – for many special applications. The innovation prize indicates that e*Message's mobile wireless technology has prevailed as the best answer to a number of challenges.

Both specialized and broad, general network operators have emerged and succeeded in the mobile communications market. The development went on at the same time as embedded solutions began to be realized, in which a highly reliable receiver is tailored to the needs of the application and implemented invisibly to the user in an application-specific module. The result is experienced not as traditional paging, but as customized special information service.

The award-winning e*Nergy StromPager is a specialized system consisting of data communication services and security services, including the application-specific module. Its universal applicability, high reliability and security are unique in the industry.

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e*Nergy permits reliable, secure control of appliances and systems with the best possible cost-benefit ratio. Experts see it as an outstanding tool to solve problems involved in the energy transition. Even today, nearly a million mini-generators must be controlled to ensure a stable power grid. The control system must be especially secure and reliable, and cheap to install and operate. That is why e*Nergy was developed.

e*Message's breakthrough in the energy sector with the innovative StromPager has reinforced the company's determination to develop other, similar applications. These include millions of dual-function smoke alarms with an integrated disaster warning function, and other applications that call for nationwide coverage and group-oriented remote control. They also include systems that maintain minimum functions when Internet-based applications fail.

"We are the only Berlin company among Germany's mobile wireless network operators. With e*Nergy, and earlier with our products in Wetter Direkt, we have demonstrated that our technology is more than up to date: for certain applications it is indispensable," said Gollnick.

About e*Message:

e*Message Wireless Information Services GmbH (e*Message Europe) is the operator of Europe's largest high-reliability radio network. As one of four mobile wireless network operators in the German market, e*Message maintains a satellite-based wireless network, independent of public networks, with some 800 base stations throughout Germany. e*Message provides specialized messaging services, focusing on security, mobile organizational systems and integrated solutions. e*Message services are used with digital receivers to notify, warn and alert individuals and professional groups – doctors, service technicians, government agencies, firefighters or snowplow services for example – quickly, precisely, and reliably. Founded in December 1999, e*Message took over the paging operations of Deutsche Telekom and France Télécom in January of 2000, and has continuously developed both infrastructure and applications. The group's head offices are in Berlin and Paris (see www.emessage.de).

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