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Electromobility will find its niches



Symposium sends out clear signals



New look for headquarters planned

20 years in the Czech Republic

TÜV NORD Czech celebrates – and 80 key customers join in

If that's not something to celebrate: TÜV NORD Czech was set up just 20 years ago, and it has operated successfully ever since. Among those who joined in the celebrations in the former Sacre Coeur Chapel in Prague was the Deputy Minister for the Environment of the Czech Republic, Rut Bízková. Also represented were more than 80 of the company's key customers.

Volker Klosowski, Member of the Board of Management of TÜV NORD Group and Chairman of the Supervisory Board of TÜV NORD Czech, thanked General Manager Dr Milos Kuzvart for all his efforts. TÜV NORD Czech is a leading provider of management system certifications, product testing services and plant inspections. Another important field of work is that of

vehicle inspections: the company operates two testing stations for cars and one for lorries. This makes TÜV NORD Czech one of the pioneers within TÜV NORD Group. ●

20 years of positive energy: General Manager Dr Milos Kuzvart (left) gladly accepts good wishes from Henryk Warkocz, General Manager of TÜV NORD Polska.



Special conditions agreed for supplementary health insurance

The insurer HanseMerkur promises inexpensive premiums for supplementary health insurance. TÜV NORD Group has concluded a group insurance policy with the company. All TÜV NORD Group employees who are permanently resident in Germany can take advantage of this insurance; if they sign up by

31 March 2011 they can do so without undergoing a medical examination and without any waiting period. The same applies to their spouses and their children up to the age of 18, or 27 if they are still in full-time education or vocational training. The benefits available under the insurance can be individually tailored. ●

Dr Guido Rettig joins the BDI Presidential Board

The Annual Meeting of the Federation of German Industries (BDI) elected Dr Guido Rettig as a new member of the Federation's Presidential Board. Dr Rettig, aged 57 and with a doctorate in engineering, will join the Federation's governing body on 1 January 2011. The Presidential Board of the BDI is responsible for laying down the general lines of policy to be followed by the Federation. Hans-Peter Keitel was re-elected President of the BDI for a further two years. The German Association of Technical Inspection Agencies

(VdTÜV) has been a member of the Federation of German Industries since May 2010. The Federation brings together the national employers' associations of 36 sectors of industry, and represents the interests of over 100,000 businesses with a good 7 million employees. Dr Guido Rettig joined the then TÜV Nord in 1993, and was appointed to the Board of Management in 1996. At the beginning of 2006 he became Chairman of the Board of Management of TÜV NORD Group. A year later, he was elected Chairman of VdTÜV. ●

Visitors from the Federal Railway Authority

TÜV NORD Group presents a broad spectrum of competence in railway issues

Three post-graduate trainees from the Federal Railway Authority (EBA) have been able to obtain some insights into the work of a technical expert which are of great interest to them. The EBA is Germany's top-tier rail regulator, responsible to the Federal Ministry of Transport. The probationary civil servants spent a whole week looking over the shoulders of staff at TÜV NORD EnSys Hannover and TÜV NORD Systems. The two TÜV NORD Group companies were able to demonstrate the breadth and depth of their own competence in three different fields: tank wagons and the approval testing of their tanks for the carriage of hazardous goods; non-destructive and destructive materials testing and damage investigations; and calculations of strength and stability. "It is only where

there is interdisciplinary cooperation that the conditions for operating railways safely, that is to say for guarding against damage and for developing monitoring concepts, are fulfilled," says Dr Ingo Willenbockel of TÜV NORD EnSys Hannover. "Many people still underestimate the breadth of our competence in railway issues," Dr Willenbockel believes. "In the course of the week we had a good opportunity to set the record straight." But the TÜV NORD Group companies had also for their part acquired a deeper understanding of the work and requirements of the Federal Railway Authority. "If all goes well," says Dr Willenbockel, "some of our staff will be given the opportunity to take a close look at what the EBA does, and so to gain deeper insights into its work." ●