

## **profine expands its sustainability strategy with certified energy management system**

On 27 May 2013, TÜV Rheinland Cert GmbH officially certified the profine energy management system based on the ISO 50001:2011 standard. Following intensive preliminary work over the last few years, the profile manufacturer managed in only six months to establish this system consistently at all three of its sites in Germany.

“The cost effective use of energy is one of the key topics of our times. Our ‘greenline’ sustainability strategy has already made a clear mark on the market, with energy efficient window systems, lead free stabilisers in virgin material, and intelligent recycling. And we are now establishing yet another pillar in the form of our energy management system,” explained Gerhard Schwager, COO of the profine Group.

After material and personnel, continued Schwager, energy is the most important production factor, and “we intend to make careful use of our valuable resources”.

Against this background, profine has reorganised its energy management, set itself binding energy targets, and consistently expanded its present energy management system.

These energy targets include, for instance, a specific saving in extrusion energy of at least 3.5% in the first year. At present, the company is heading in the right direction supported by the latest pumping technology, with other technical improvements planned for the future. These also address personnel awareness, above all in the electricity intensive fields.

“Our energy management system is intended to implement a continuous improvement process that significantly raises the energy efficiency of the resources we use,” said Schwager. He explained that the entire value adding stream was affected, including “the purchase of installations and raw materials, production, and shipping to our customers”.

In addition, the Pirmasens public utilities could be integrated as a powerful partner on the supplier side. This will not only safeguard the supply of electricity to all production sites in Germany, but will also collaborate with profine in diverse projects for optimising the energy saving potential at each location. “This integrative approach will be our key to huge potential for enhancing energy efficiency in future,” claimed Schwager.

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On 17 June 2013, profine COO Gerhard Schwager (left) signed the contract for the supply of electricity together with Klaus Kreibich, representing the Pirmasens public utilities.

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**About profine:**

profine GmbH – International Profile Group – is a worldwide leading manufacturer of PVC-U profiles for windows and doors and a renowned provider of shutter systems and PVC sheets. With its KBE, KÖMMERLING, and TROCAL brands, the Group has an excellent international standing at 29 sites in 22 countries. profine Group manufactures at production facilities in Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Russia, Ukraine, the USA and China, with its head office in Troisdorf, North Rhine-Westphalia, and a payroll of 3,000.

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