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profine will present „Kömmerling 88plus“ on the occasion of EXPO 2010 in Shanghai

profine will participate in an exhibition for future-oriented buildings in the "Pavilion of Innovations" in Shanghai which will be held on the occasion of the EXPO 2010.

Starting 20 May 2010, the world market leader for PVC-u window systems will present the passive house type (U_f value ≤ 0.80 $W/(m^2K)$) of its 6 chamber system „Kömmerling 88plus“.

„The strong growth in China will lead to an increasing demand in buildings and living space. Furthermore, the government intends to achieve a distinctive reduction of per-capita energy consumption within the next few years. In this context, especially the window is gaining in importance“, explains Albrecht P. Lange, Chief Sales Officer of profine Group.

The "Pavilion of Innovations" strives for presenting the manifold options of energy efficient and innovative construction methods and building technologies. In this context, not only architectural points of view, but also new systems developed in Germany for planning, evaluation, accomplishment and operation of buildings and their products will be shown.

From 24 to 28 May 2010, an international Symposium and Workshop on the subject of „Passive houses for China“ will be held in this pavilion. In the scope of this symposium, profine will make a presentation on the use of the respective products.

Patrons of the Pavilion of Innovations will be the Land Lower Saxony and its Chinese Partner Province Anhui. Following the EXPO 2010, the pavilion will be used for research and test purposes over a period of three years.

Since the beginning of the 1990s, profine Group has operated an extrusion plant in the Chinese city of Tianjin with currently more than 100 employees. „In China, the European type PVC window ranges in the high-class segment, and the increasing demand for thermal insulation on a broad basis will contribute to further expand our market share step by step“, states Yves Baracco, General Manager of the profine Group company in China.

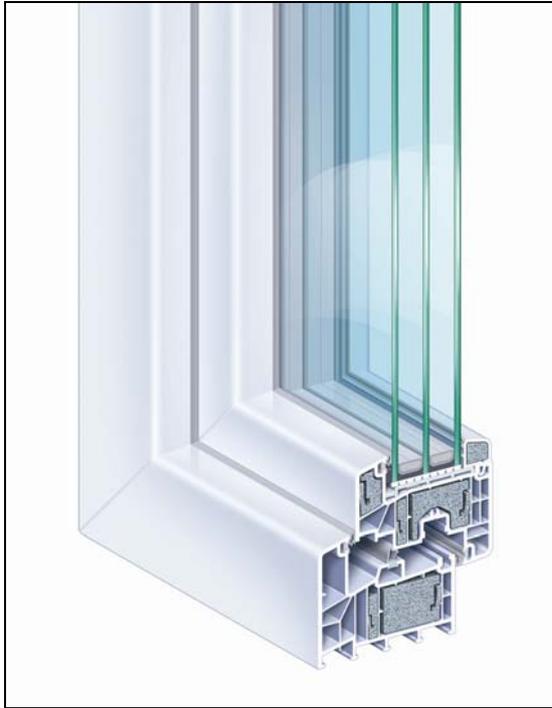
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The passive house type of the „Kömmerring 88*plus*“ system achieves a U_f value of $\leq 0.80 \text{ W/(m}^2\text{K)}$.

About profine:

profine GmbH - International Profile Group - is the world-wide leading manufacturer of plastic profiles for windows and doors as well as a notable supplier of shutter solutions and PVC sheets. The company was established in 2003, when HT TROPLAST consolidated its profile business activities (KBE, KÖMMERLING, TROCAL) under one roof.

profine has a total of 3,350 employees at 28 locations in 21 countries. Around 2,000 of these employees work in Germany.

The production sites are located in Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Russia, Ukraine, the United States and China. The company headquarters is in Troisdorf (North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany).

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