

Press Release

Energy Awards acknowledge eTransport as a highly innovative idea in the quest to shift to renewables

- **BPW's electric axle drive takes top prize for mobility**
- **Awards presented in five categories**
- **Jury evaluates concepts seeking to optimise use of renewables, increase efficiency and reduce consumption**

Wiehl, 04.10.2017 --- eTransport, the electric axle drive developed by BPW, has grabbed first prize for mobility in the finals of the Energy Awards. The accolade recognises the drive as one of the most innovative ideas in the drive towards renewable energy sources. The Energy Awards serve the purpose of highlighting progress and changes being made in the sector, and acknowledging outstanding projects and ideas.

“Shaping the future of transport efficiently and economically, and with an approach that is kind to the environment, ranks among the foremost challenges of our times,” explains Markus Schell, managing general partner of BPW Bergische Achsen KG. “We accept an obligation to customers – both vehicle manufacturers and operators – to develop supreme technical solutions so that they can engage in the future of transportation on the roads. Competitions such as the Energy Awards illustrate how much determination the industry is investing in sustainable solutions, and the extent to which we are aware of our responsibility for the environment.”

The eTransport concept has been developed as an electric axle drive for delivery vehicles operating in city centres, but could also be used in the heavier commercial segment. The system, comprising an axle, electric drive and energy accumulator, can be integrated in a wide variety of vehicle models and is no heavier than conventional drives. The drive is emission-free and recovers braking energy. Active steering assistance ensures especially good manoeuvrability, which makes eTransport an interesting proposition for the final delivery stage in particular. Charging can take place overnight within a few hours and is sufficient for a good day's driving in an inner-city goods distribution environment.

The Energy Awards is an annual competition for outstanding candidates in five categories, namely industry, mobility, smart infrastructure, start-ups, and private and municipal utilities. Prizes are awarded to projects, concepts and ideas that optimise the use of renewables and thus increase energy efficiency and reduce consumption. A special award is also presented to a leading light in the industry, who is named Energizer of the Year.

The Energy Awards were initiated by the business daily Handelsblatt and the US industrial conglomerate GE. They are seeking to put forward-looking and innovative energy concepts in the public arena, where they belong. The jury consists of leading representatives of the energy and

media sectors, as well as prominent politicians. They are all members of the Energy Academy – a think tank that deliberates on the key issues and challenges facing the industry.



Picture caption: Members of the BPW eTransport team (from left to right: Katja Boecker, Francisca Magyar, Frank Löhe and Josha Kneiber), whose electric drive concept proved compelling for the Energy Awards jury. (Photograph: Frank Beer)



Picture caption: BPW managing general partner Markus Schell (second from left) and head of corporate communications Katrin Köster (centre) received the Handelsblatt/GE Energy Award in the Museum for Communication in Berlin. (Photograph: Energy Awards/Ulf Büschleb)

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BPW Bergische Achsen KG is the parent company of the BPW Group. With more than 1,600 employees, including around 120 trainees, the family-run company has been developing and producing complete running gear systems for truck trailers and semi-trailers at its headquarters in Wiehl since 1898. BPW's technologies include axle systems, brake technology, suspension and bearings. BPW's trailer axles and running gear systems are in use in millions of vehicles around the world. An extensive range of services also provides vehicle manufacturers and vehicle operators with the opportunity to increase economic efficiency in their production and transport processes. www.bpw.de/en

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benefit from economical production processes and provide maximum transparency in loading and transport processes for efficient fleet management by the vehicle operators. The owner-managed BPW Group encompasses 70 companies worldwide and employs around 7,000 people.

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