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## **CHT wins the German award for medium-sized companies in the national competition of Responsible Care for its sustainability commitment**

Within the scope of the nation-wide Responsible Care Competition 2018 CHT Germany GmbH was able to achieve the first place in the Baden-Württemberg regional competition and also the victory at the national level with its sustainability project "Reduction of the Use of Critical Raw Materials".

The award ceremony took place in Mannheim on 27<sup>th</sup> September as part of the VCI annual conference, and CHT was awarded as the national winner in the category of medium-sized companies.

Just like in the Baden-Württemberg competition, CHT's outstanding commitment to sustainability was again emphasised by this award. The national jury was particularly impressed by CHT's forward-looking commitment to environmental protection and occupational safety, which goes beyond the legal requirements.

CHT received the award for the process that controls the reduction of critical raw materials in the company. This project had already been started by CHT in 2015 as part of its commitment to sustainability. Since then 1,900 raw materials have already been valued. 20 percent of these were classified as critical, 8 percent were already replaced. In addition, CHT defined ten critical raw materials that are to be replaced or significantly reduced by 2020. CHT has therefore initiated new research and development projects for environmentally friendly and health-compatible raw materials and supplied its customers with the new substances. According to the assessment of the national expert jury, such a project in a medium-sized chemical company serves as milestone.

In the annual "Responsible Care Competition" the industry association VCI regularly confers prizes to so-called lighthouse industrial projects. The projects taken into consideration are those that strongly reflect and implement

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the responsibility assumed by the chemical industry in Germany. For 25 years Responsible Care has been the base for action for the chemical industry and stands for continuous improvement in terms of health, environmental protection and safety in chemical companies.

In 2018, the competition was held under the motto "our contribution to the UN goals for sustainable development."

"We are extremely pleased that our strong commitment to sustainability has now been recognised and honoured with this award, not only at the regional but also at the national level," said Dr. Frank Naumann, CEO of the CHT Group. "We see sustainability as our long-term perspective for the future. This success motivates us to consistently pursue our commitment to sustainability and the goals we set ourselves."

Dr. Frank Naumann received the award in Mannheim together with Dr. Bernhard Hettich, CTO of the CHT Group.

#### **About the CHT Group**

The CHT Group, a medium-sized global player for speciality chemistry, is worldwide active in development, production and sales. CHT Germany GmbH in Tübingen is the headquarters of the group of companies which focuses on sustainable chemical products and process solutions. TEXTILE SOLUTIONS of CHT improve the quality, functionality as well as look and purity of textiles and optimise their manufacturing processes. In the fields of silicones, building materials, paints, coatings, paper, agrochemicals as well as cleaning and care products innovative products and process solutions are provided by INDUSTRY SOLUTIONS. By bundling the strengths of the complete group further innovative products, applications or processes are permanently developed and vast technical support is offered within the SCIENCE & SERVICE SOLUTIONS. Highly qualified specialists work in state-of-the art laboratories for development, analytics and application technique in order to work out ideas and solutions that meet the latest requirements.

The CHT Group with its own production and sales locations is represented by more than 29 companies worldwide. In the financial year 2017, the CHT Group generated a group turnover of 456 million Euro with around 2,200 employees. For more information please visit us at [www.cht.com](http://www.cht.com)

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