

PRESS INFORMATION

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West Trax and DEKRA sign cooperation agreement for worldwide certification of SAP Systems

- **The first DEKRA Certification has been Awarded to Kreditwerk Hypotheken Management GmbH in Mannheim, Germany**
- **The West Trax Award Winner, Modine Europe GmbH, has also applied for DEKRA Certification**

Effective as of now, enterprises can have their SAP systems checked and certified by DEKRA Certification GmbH. Using the West Trax KPI Scan methodology, SAP users can obtain DEKRA Certificates for “Best SAP Performance” and “Best SAP Performance Gold”. These certificates recognise optimum and efficient use of SAP systems. West Trax is DEKRA’s exclusive auditing partner and responsible for carrying out the necessary analyses on DEKRA’s behalf. The Kreditwerk Hypotheken-Management GmbH is the first company to have received this Award for their SAP system. Another current contender for the Award is Modine Europe GmbH.

The recently signed cooperation agreement between West Trax and DEKRA Certification GmbH allows SAP systems worldwide to qualify for the DEKRA Certificate Award. The efficient use of all functional resources available in a SAP system is a critical factor that characterises the quality of an implementation.

Emil Bohr, CEO of West Trax, describes the purpose behind the cooperation with DEKRA as follows: “A DEKRA Certificate supplies both, the user and their service provider, with neutral evaluation criteria. This contributes significantly to raising the internal and external awareness of a SAP system’s optimal usage. Having their SAP system’s quality certified by DEKRA gives

enterprises a unique award, which will develop into a standard criteria for users and service providers, in particular for outsourcing projects”.

“At long last Enterprises making efficient use of their SAP systems now have the opportunity of having this confirmed by means of the official DEKRA Certificate,” states Frank Hoffritz, Head of Certification Business Services at DEKRA Certification GmbH. “The certification of SAP systems based on the West Trax methodology enables us to set a worldwide standard for efficient use of SAP applications in all sectors,” Hoffritz added.

The Kreditwerk Hypotheken-Management GmbH was the first client in the financial world to register its SAP system for certification. The company was founded in 1999 as an innovative service provider for credit and loan processing and is the largest, independent operator in this segment in the German market. Their system met the “Best SAP Performance Gold” Award requirements at the first attempt, thereby setting a very high standard for the financial world.

“An optimal degree of standardisation is a significant success factor for Kreditwerk Hypotheken Management GmbH. This applies to all components of our IT platform. Applying the standard SAP software directly and limiting modifications to an absolute minimum allows us to meet our clients high expectations with regard to the availability, efficiency and flexibility of our credit processing platform”, says Beate Stollenwerk, spokesperson for the executive board of the Kreditwerk Hypotheken Management GmbH.

DEKRA Certificate evaluation criteria

The evaluation criteria for SAP implementations were examined in detail by a certified IT expert of the Chamber of Industry & Commerce in Darmstadt and were found to be valid and best practice oriented. The empirical evaluation of SAP systems is based on a representative series of measurements by

industry. This allows a SAP implementation to be analysed against various qualitative disciplines by sector.

The DEKRA Certification is valid for one year from the date of issue. The client is entitled to display the quality certificate and to publicise the Award for internal and external purposes. The life of the Award can be extended for an additional 12 months providing that a further KPI Scan or KPI QA is completed and the system continues to meet the quality criteria, or corrective measures are implemented to ensure that the quality requirements are fulfilled.

Emil Bohr's biography can be found by clicking on the following link:

http://www.westtrax.de/Bios/bio_ebohr.zip

About West Trax

West Trax is a service provider delivering management consulting and IT consulting services. Founded in 2003, the company combines many years of international experiences in the professional services business with state-of-the-art technology. **With KPI Scan[®], KPI Optimiser[®], KPI QA[®] and Benchmark Express[®]**, West Trax offers solutions that help to increase the efficiency of corporate processes and the performance of IT infrastructures. West Trax focuses on global SAP system optimization. More detailed information can be found under www.westtrax.com.

About DEKRA Certification GmbH

DEKRA Certification GmbH is an independent, accredited service provider for certifications, with an international service network, currently catering for around 17.000 clients on four continents. DEKRA Certification's business activities include auditing and certifications for more than 30 sectors, with the main emphasis on quality and environmental management, safety at work, data security, risk management, medicine product testing, quality of service providers. More than 800 local auditors, 12 subsidiaries and numerous affiliated offices worldwide ensure a complete service in Europe and all important key markets in the world. Part of the DEKRA Group, DEKRA Certification belongs to the Business Unit DEKRA NORISKO Industrial, that in addition to the international certification service, also offers technical testing in plant safety, operational safety, building and property, environmental services

and employment and health protection. Further information is available on:
<http://www.dekra.de>

About Kreditwerk Hypotheken-Management GmbH

Kreditwerk Hypotheken-Management GmbH (Hypotheken-Management) was founded in 1999 as a subsidiary company of Aareal Bank AG, Wiesbaden. Since 01.01.2006 Hypotheken-Management is a member of VR Kreditwerk AG. Banks, insurance companies and other financial service providers are part of the established clientele. As an independent service company Hypotheken-Management is already servicing clients outside the German cooperative financial services network.

For further information visit <http://www.hypotheken-management.com>

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