

Endress+Hauser Group honors inventors

270 new patent applications in 2015 is a new record – own patent department in the USA protects new technologies abroad

Year after year, the Endress+Hauser Group invests more than seven percent of its sales worldwide in research and development. A consistently high rate of patent applications in all areas of measurement technology is proof of the solid power of innovation of the Swiss family company.

“With 270 first applications and 456 patents granted, we’re pleased to report that we once more exceeded last year’s good results,” says Angelika Andres, Head of PatServe, Endress+Hauser’s intellectual property department. “The development shows a high level of continuity and a good spread across all our key technologies.” The segment with the strongest growth was analytics, where the strategic acquisitions of recent years (Analytik Jena, SpectraSensors, Kaiser Optical Systems) make themselves felt. The number of proprietary rights active worldwide has meanwhile risen to 6,552.

On average, four out of five invention disclosures from Endress+Hauser’s rank and file are forwarded to the patent office. More than half of these have global relevance and are also patented in the USA and in China. Only about 30 percent of all patents reach business relevance, often after many years, but they are crucially important for the Group’s growth. “Our proprietary rights not only protect individual innovations, but the enterprise as a whole,” explains Michael Ziesemer, COO of the Endress+Hauser Group. “Our own broad-based patent portfolio allows us to fend off attacks by competitors with much better chances of success.”

New branch office in the USA

PatServe opening an office abroad fits well into this context: From 1 April 2016, three experts will protect technical innovations at the Greenwood site in Indiana where Endress+Hauser produces level, flow, pressure and temperature measurement instruments. The analytical technology of Endress+Hauser’s subsidiaries SpectraSensors (Houston, Texas), Kaiser Optical Systems (Ann Arbor, Michigan) and of Endress+Hauser Conducta (Anaheim, California) will also be protected from copying. With around 600 people working in production and 250 in sales, the USA is among Endress+Hauser’s most important markets.

Honoring its inventors has a long tradition at the measurement and automation technology specialist: Employees who have filed a patent are invited to the annual Innovators’ Meeting. “This is how we show our inventors that we appreciate their work,” says Michael Ziesemer. Attended by over 300 people, the 2016 event took place on 11 March at the exhibition center in Mulhouse, France. As every year, patents that are particularly important in economic terms received prizes during this festive occasion.



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Endress+Hauser honoring its inventors at the Innovators' Meeting in Mulhouse, France.

The Endress+Hauser Group

Endress+Hauser is a global leader in measurement instrumentation, services and solutions for industrial process engineering. The Group employs 13,000 personnel across the globe, generating net sales of more than 2.1 billion euros in 2015.

Structure

With dedicated sales centers and a strong network of partners, Endress+Hauser guarantees competent worldwide support. Our production centers in 12 countries meet customers' needs and requirements quickly and effectively. The Group is managed and coordinated by a holding company in Reinach, Switzerland. As a successful family-owned business, Endress+Hauser is set for continued independence and self-reliance.

Products

Endress+Hauser provides sensors, instruments, systems and services for level, flow, pressure and temperature measurement as well as analytics and data acquisition. The company supports customers with automation engineering, logistics and IT services and solutions. Our products set standards in quality and technology.

Industries

We work closely with the chemical, petrochemical, food & beverage, oil & gas, water & wastewater, power & energy, life science, primaries & metal, renewable energies, pulp & paper and shipbuilding industries. Endress+Hauser supports its customers in optimizing their processes in terms of reliability, safety, economic efficiency and environmental impact.

History

Founded in 1953 by Georg H Endress and Ludwig Hauser, Endress+Hauser has been solely owned by the Endress family since 1975. The Group has developed from a specialist in level measurement to a provider of complete solutions for industrial measuring technology and automation, with constant expansion into new territories and markets.

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