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# 2013 Spring European EtherCAT Plug Fest @ wenglor sensoric in Tettnang, Germany

On June 14th and 15th, 2013 the EtherCAT Technology Group (ETG) will put on its next Plug Fest in Europe. During the event, which takes place at the facilities of wenglor sensoric gmbh in Tettnang, Germany, the interoperability of as many EtherCAT implementations as possible will be tested.

Within the 2013 Spring European EtherCAT Plug Fest colleagues from different device manufacturers get together to test their master and slave devices as well as codes and tools for mutual interoperability. Additionally, the EtherCAT Conformance Test Tool will be used to test the devices on-site for their conformance regarding the network communication.

Rainer Hoffmann, who takes part in the Plug Fest in Tettnang as one of the EtherCAT experts from ETG headquarters, sums up the benefit of the event as follows: "Our Plug Fests are an ideal opportunity for manufacturers of all kinds of EtherCAT devices to test the behavior of their products when acting together with devices of other manufacturers already during the development process. In addition, we from the ETG are supporting the participants during the whole time of the event – questions can be answered face-to-face – a real added value to the conventional support service of our organization."

Besides the events, which take place twice a year in Europe, the ETG also offers EtherCAT Plug Fests in Asia and America on a regular basis. Goal is to test as many products as possible worldwide in the best possible balance between master and slave devices.

The premises for the 2013 Spring European EtherCAT Plug Fest 2013 are made available by wenglor sensoric gmbh from Tettnang, Germany. The company, which has been an ETG member since 2010, manufactures innovative products for object detection for over 30 years. With over 600 employees wenglor sensoric gmbh is one of the most important sensor manufacturers in the world.

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## **Press picture**



#### Picture caption:

The 2013 Spring European EtherCAT Plug Fest takes place from 14th to 15th May 2013 at the facilities of wenglor sensoric in Tettnang, Germany.

## **About EtherCAT Technology Group (ETG):**

The EtherCAT Technology Group is an organization in which key user companies from various industries and leading automation suppliers join forces to support, promote and advance the EtherCAT technology. With over 2,300 members from 56 countries the EtherCAT Technology Group has become the largest fieldbus organization in the world. Founded in November 2003, it is also the fastest growing fieldbus organization.

## About EtherCAT®:

EtherCAT is the Industrial Ethernet technology which stands for high-performance, low-cost, easy to use with a flexible topology. It was introduced in 2003 and has been an international standard since 2007. The EtherCAT Technology Group promotes EtherCAT and is responsible for its continued development. EtherCAT is an open technology: anyone is allowed to implement or use it.

→ For further information please see www.ethercat.org.

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