

Press Release

PPC Electronic AG obtains Environmental Management Certificate conforming to ISO System 14001



Presentation of the SQS (Swiss Association for Quality and Management Systems) Certificate (from left to right): Walter Odermatt, Director Quality Management/Logistics, Member of the Executive Committee, SQS-Auditor Hans Gyger, Giorgio Dognini, Technical Director, Member of the Executive Committee, and Peter Weber, C.E.O.

As one of the first European manufacturers of printed circuit boards, PPC Electronic AG was awarded the Certificate for a process-orientated Environmental Management System conforming to ISO 14001 by SQS (Swiss Association for Quality and Management Systems).

In April, 1993, the Quality Management System conforming to ISO 9001 was certified for the first time. In the framework of an extensive comprehension of the TQM philosophy, this management system was continuously developed towards process orientation. Already after the first re-audit in 1996, the idea was born to also meet the demands for the Environmental Management System conforming to ISO 14001 for the second re-audit in 1999 and to integrate it combined with the Quality Management System. This goal has now been attained successfully.



After a three-day audit by SQS, PPC Electronic AG was given the confirmation to not only have a well-functioning Quality Management System conforming to ISO 9001, but also fulfil all requirements for the Environmental Management System conforming to ISO 14001. These systems are supported by dynamic and experienced staff. They all contribute every day to the satisfaction of our demanding clients all over the world.

Environmental Management is a subject becoming more and more the centre of modern life. Therefore, in a long-term view, only companies may succeed where environment protection is an intergrated part of their business politics. PPC Electronic AG declares itself to ecologically tolerated and resource-saving business activities. All environmental activities are measured an planned in conformity with the Environmental System now introduced. Further, the maintenance of all laws and requirements is guaranteed.

PPC Electronic AG is one of the technology-leading manufacturers of printed circuit boards in Europe. 40 new jobs were created in 1998, and a staff of 360 realised a turnover of 80,5 million Swiss francs.

About 20 million Swiss francs were invested in 1997 and 1998 to increase capacity and install the newest process technologies.

To ensure market competition and technology leadership, another 10 million Swiss francs are foreseen for investments also during the current year. Thus, the installation of a completely new inner-layer production line is approaching. Its most modern production, process and handling techniques will allow for a completely automatic inner layer fabrication. By the way, this is world-wide the first fully automatic line for oversizes.

Recently, the serial production of one of the world-biggest backpanels for an important European telecom company has been started. The dimensions of this 30-layer printed circuit board are 1200 mm x 500 mm. The distinct know-how of PPC Electronic AG is renowned internationally, and the firm is involved in different development and research projects.

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