

Press Release

Infineon Green IT: Contribution to the Circular Economy and to an inclusive society

Villach, April 25, 2023 - Infineon Austria promotes both jobs for people with disabilities and the recycling of IT equipment through its cooperation with AfB Social & Green-IT. In 2022, 463 tonnes of CO₂ were saved, resources were conserved and three jobs with inclusion were secured.

With the certificate, the non-profit AfB "Arbeit für Menschen mit Behinderung" GmbH (Work for People with Disabilities) annually honors Infineon Technologies Austria AG for its socially and ecologically responsible actions. Infineon's used IT equipment is given a second life through certified recycling. The balance sheet for 2022 is impressive.

Around 463 tonnes CO₂ saved with 3,629 IT devices

In 2022, Infineon provided a total of 3,629 discarded IT devices such as laptops, PCs, monitors, printers and mobile devices. More than 81 per cent were recycled and marketed by the AfB Social & Green IT staff in a tested and safe process.

By reusing Infineon IT equipment, around 462,750 kilograms less CO₂ was emitted compared to new production. This is roughly equivalent to 210 air journeys from Vienna to New York and back. In addition, more than 170,000 kilograms of raw materials (metals or iron) were saved, around 1.8 million kilowatt hours less energy was used and 3.4 million litres less water was consumed. ¹

Oliver Heinrich, CFO of Infineon Technologies Austria AG: "These figures show that we can really make a difference through our responsible approach to IT. It is a sustainable contribution to climate protection and through our cooperation with AfB we actively promote value-creating jobs for people with disabilities in the region. I am particularly pleased about that."

Last year, Infineon was able to secure three jobs for people with disabilities at the Klagenfurt site through the IT cooperation. The trained AfB employees ensure high-quality refurbishment of the IT equipment and resale in the company's own salesroom.

¹The figures are calculated in comparison to the new production of the same number of appliances and are determined for the AfB on the basis of a study by the Technical University of Berlin and the non-profit climate protection organisation myclimate.

Fabio Papini, AfB Branch Manager Klagenfurt: "We are a non-profit IT and recognized inclusion company. By partnering with companies, we conserve valuable resources and create jobs for people with disabilities that are subject to social insurance contributions. Many thanks to Infineon for the proven and good cooperation."

About AfB "Arbeit für Menschen mit Behinderung" gemeinnützige GmbH

AfB "Arbeit für Menschen mit Behinderung" GmbH is Europe's largest non-profit IT company that takes over, refurbishes and resells used IT from companies. The inclusive company employs around 600 people, 45% of whom are people with disabilities, in five countries: Germany, Austria, France, Switzerland and Slovakia. The AfB location in Klagenfurt employs 16 people. Link: www.afbshop.at

About Infineon Austria

Infineon Technologies Austria AG is a group subsidiary of Infineon Technologies AG, a world-leading provider of semiconductor solutions that make life easier, safer and greener. Microelectronics from Infineon reduce the energy consumption of consumer electronics, domestic appliances and industrial facilities. They make a major contribution to the convenience, security and sustainability of vehicles, and enable secure transactions in the Internet of Things.

Infineon Austria pools competencies for research and development, production as well as global business responsibility. The head office is in Villach, with further branches in Graz, Klagenfurt, Linz and Vienna. With 5,461 employees from 79 countries (including 2,390 in research and development), in the financial year 2022 (ending in September) the company achieved a turnover of € 5.2 billion. With a research expenditure of 585 million euros, Infineon Austria is one of the strongest research companies in Austria.

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