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Infineon Receives Award for Social and Ecological Responsibility

Infineon Technologies Austria AG, headquartered in Villach, was honored today for its commitment to social and ecological issues by the nonprofit company AfB GmbH. AfB is Europe's first nonprofit IT company and creates solutions for used IT hardware. Professional IT recycling and IT remarketing create jobs for people with disabilities and make a valuable contribution to reducing CO₂ emissions. Infineon Austria has partnered with AfB from the very beginning and is an important cooperation partner at the AfB site in Klagenfurt.

Since 2015, Infineon has donated IT hardware, such as PCs, notebooks, printers, screens, etc., it no longer needs to AfB in Austria. After the devices have been picked up, inventoried, processed, tested, cleaned, and all data destroyed in a certified process by AfB, they are given a second life cycle thanks to IT remarketing and sold in AfB stores with a warranty of at least 12 months. The continued use of the equipment extends its lifetime, thereby significantly contributing to the conservation of resources and the reduction of CO₂ emissions. As a nonprofit IT company, AfB already has more than 300 employees at 18 locations in Austria, Germany, France and Switzerland. Half of their employees are people with disabilities who, thanks to this concept, are provided with the opportunity for rewarding employment.

CSR Certificate for Infineon

Today marks the official certificate and award presentation at Infineon's headquarters in Villach. The CFO of Infineon Technologies Austria AG, Oliver Heinrich, Infineon Employee Representatives Robert Müllneritsch and Hermann Traninger, and Arno Forelli, Manager of Infineon Technologies IT Services GmbH, were in attendance.

Under the terms of the cooperation partnership, Infineon has provided a total of 3,607 IT equipment parts for recycling and resale, making a valuable contribution to resource conservation equivalent to 237,119 kg of iron, 550,177 kWh of energy and 185,331 kg of CO₂.

Oliver Heinrich, CFO of Infineon Technologies Austria, stated, "As a leading company in Austria, we generate numerous ideas for sustainable action in our region. This also includes taking responsibility for sustainable social development. The cooperation with AfB's employment scheme for people with disabilities serves as a very good example for regional and sustainable development concepts, integration, and environmentally conscious management. We very much appreciate the recognition of our efforts communicated by this award and look forward to continuing our successful collaboration."

"Our regional site development in Klagenfurt was greatly supported and made possible by respectful cooperation with our longstanding partner Infineon and teamwork founded on a strong basis of trust," says Kurt Essler, CEO of AfB in Austria. "Infineon is a flagship company in the industry segment with a strong commitment to sustainability and corporate social responsibility," added Fabio Papini, AfB Site Director in Carinthia.

AfB has maintained sites in Austria since 2010, with 45 employees at two subsidiaries in Vienna and Klagenfurt. More than 100 companies have already partnered with AfB in Austria, including Erste Bank and Sparkassen Gruppe, Unicredit Bank Austria, Oesterreichische Nationalbank, the Vienna Insurance Group, the REWE Group, Strabag, T-Systems, ATOS, and the Chamber of Labor in Lower Austria and Vienna. A life-cycle assessment compiled by the TU Berlin shows companies their savings in energy, greenhouse gas emissions and metals in terms of their sustainability. In 2017, AfB processed a total of 49,280 IT devices in Austria, turning over 362 tons of devices altogether.

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