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## **SIMONA Receives Automotive Quality Certificate ISO/TS 16949:2002**

In May 2005, SIMONA AG was certified in accordance with ISO/TS 16949:2002. The company has thus added another item to its list of certifications, which includes Quality Management in accordance with ISO 9001:2000 and Environmental Management complying with ISO 14001:1996. The latest Automotive Quality Certificate is based on ISO 9001:2000, but includes supplementary requirements tailored specifically to the automotive industry. These standards are recognised by car manufacturers worldwide.

SIMONA has been operating as a supplier to the automotive sector for the past two years. The Kirn-based company produces multilayer polyethylene sheets for Tier 1 supplier Delphi Automotive Systems. The PE multilayer sheets, which feature a special diffusion barrier, are thermoformed by Delphi to produce plastic fuel tanks used in the BMW X3 series. Committed to meeting the high standards set by the automobile industry, SIMONA commissioned TÜV Managementservice to carry out the certification.

As part of a quality audit, all relevant processes within the company were examined in detail, including specific operational procedures and the associated documentation, staff motivation and training, suitability of machinery, plant and testing equipment as well as the accompanying quality assurance measures. The positive outcome of the audit is a testament not only to SIMONA's highly qualified staff but also to the outstanding quality of the sheets already produced by the company and the high level of satisfaction expressed by its customer Delphi.

SIMONA has yet again underlined that its products and services meet even the most challenging quality standards, thus fulfilling supply-chain demands within a fast-paced environment shaped by globalisation and international networks. In addition, the latest quality certification is seen as an opportunity to secure additional projects within the automotive industry. It has also provided fresh impetus when it comes to optimising other processes within SIMONA AG.

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