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DB German Railways Rates Voith as "Outstanding"

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Deutsche Bahn AG has once again awarded Voith Turbo Lokomotivtechnik (VTLT) with the top mark "Outstanding." After 2011, this accolade makes Voith the only DB vehicle supplier who has received this prestigious award for two consecutive years.

The renewed distinction as "Outstanding Supplier" is an enormous success for the company founded in Kiel in 2005. DB German Railways has ordered 130 Gravita locomotives from VTLT. With this award, the rail operator acknowledges the exemplary handling and the quality provided by Voith in the product category "Rail Vehicles". After 2011, VTLT has once again received this quality rating, this time especially for the continued trouble-free management of the project. Since the end of 2010, one vehicle is delivered per week and looked after throughout Germany. "Last year we accepted the award as a newcomer in the rail vehicle market. We enjoy excellent business relations with DB German Railways and have once again been rewarded for our motivation and our performance", says Dr. Norbert Klapper, Executive Vice President Division Rail. "Being rated as one of the best suppliers is a fantastic reward for the work in Kiel and an impressive testimony of the process and product quality at Voith."

In order to receive the top mark "Outstanding" from DB German Railways in the operator's annual quality assessment of its suppliers, Voith had to convince both with its product quality and its project handling capabilities.

For the quality of its vehicles, the locomotive manufacturer received the coveted ranking "Q1-Supplier". And the assessment of the entire procurement process from DB's point of view - the so-called "E-Evaluation" resulted in the classification "E0". The superior overall rating will only be awarded when these two top marks are combined.

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"Voith convinced the jury in all test categories – from quotation, quality management and deadline compliance up to the actual quality of the delivered products. Receiving the grade "Outstanding" for the second time running is both a huge proof of customer confidence and an incentive for us to maintain our high quality", states Hinrich Krey, Executive Vice President of VTLT.

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