



Contargo wins Eco Performance Award 2015

Lively concept with measurable targets convinces jury of experts

Munich, 5 May 2015. The winner of the Eco Performance Awards 2015 is Contargo GmbH & Co. KG from Duisburg. The DKV Euro Service and its premium partners Knorr-Bremse and PTV Group and the University of St.Gallen are presenting this award for the eighth time; it recognises transport and logistics companies who successfully reconcile economic, ecological and social objectives. Following a thorough review by the high-profile jury of experts Contargo was presented with the award on the eve of the transport logistic 2015 exhibition in the "Alte Ziegelei 101" in Munich. "All too often, sustainability is declared an abstract basic principle of a company", said EPA jury chairman Prof. Wolfgang Stölzle from the University of St.Gallen. "Contargo, on the other hand, has fully convinced us of their integrated concept, the definition of measurable targets and their development, which is part of a long-term business strategy". The Eco Performance Awards ceremony is considered a leading communication platform on the topic of sustainability. Gaby Papenburg was the host of the evening, which also featured a number of specialist presentations.

Up to 60 percent less CO₂ emission through combined traffic

One of the core business activities of Contargo is transport through combined traffic. By combining pre- and post-carriage truck transport with rail or inland vessel transport on the main part of the route, products and goods can be delivered quickly and in line with

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needs, without giving up the advantages of mass transportation. By pooling the transport functions of the railway or inland vessel, emission per load unit can on average be reduced by up to 60 percent. This allows Contargo to reduce its CO₂ footprint for container traffic to a minimum.

Environmental indicators create transparency

As a result of rising environmental and climate demands placed on society and industry, more and more shipping agents request specific information about CO₂ emissions from their carriers. Contargo has been providing its IMTIS software, a free tariff calculator, to its customers free of charge for almost two decades. The software allows customers to easily and reliably calculate their transport greenhouse emissions. In addition, all relevant Contargo sites are certified according to TÜV Nord's environmental management system DIN EN ISO 14001. By defining specific targets and implementing the relevant measures, the company is able to continuously improve its environmental performance.

Environmental protection - making the small things count

To constantly remind its employees of environmental protection, the company has given out mouse pads with practical eco tips made from recycled paper. Measures have been put into place to reduce the number of LED lights used in the buildings, and energy recovery from cranes is designed to lower power consumption by 10 percent. As part of the "Contargo tritt in die Pedale" (Contargo steps on the pedals) campaign some Contargo employees left their cars at home, saving almost 4.5 thousand car miles.

Managing director Heinrich Kerstgens about the company's long-term strategic alignment:

"If we are serious about our responsibility for future generations, our actions must not be

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guided by short-term profit interests. We acknowledge our responsibility and we will develop the company with this in mind.”

With the presentation of the Eco Performance Awards 2015 the new application period for the Eco Performance Award 2016 begins. Interested parties can now request their application documents at www.eco-performance-award.com. The submission deadline is 31 March 2016.

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