

## Press Release

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### Award for Dräger employee

Dr. Hans-Christoph Bechthold receives the *Umweltschutz-Nadel* award

Dr. Hans-Christoph Bechthold's successful contribution to environmental protection has now been recognized with a coveted award. The Study and Support Society for Business in Schleswig-Holstein<sup>1</sup> presented him with the *Umweltschutz-Nadel*, a top environmental protection award, which he accepted on behalf of the environment team at Drägerwerk AG & Co. KGaA at a presentation in Kiel on July 3, 2008.

This recognition comes as a result of Dr. Bechthold's many years work in environmental and climate protection. Dr. Bechthold has been the driving force behind many measures at Dräger focused on conserving resources and sustainably protecting the climate. One example of this was the commitment he demonstrated in not only observing energy saving rules but exceeding them in his approach to the construction and modernization of buildings. Dr. Bechthold and his team have also ensured that less packaging is used. On top of that, he succeeded in introducing a company-wide reporting system and in doing so helped embed concrete environmental and climate protection measures in all financial reports.

Dr. Hans-Christoph Bechthold has been at Dräger since 1986. He started his work in environmental protection and management at the start of the 1990s, specializing in hazardous materials and related legal issues.

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