

## Hermes Award = EtherCAT

The EtherCAT Technology Group congratulates Sumitomo (SHI) Cyclo Drive Germany GmbH on winning this year's Hermes Award. This HANNOVER MESSE International Technology Award is presented annually at the show and, with prize money of €100,000, is one of the most highly rewarded technology competitions in the world. Sumitomo won the "Industry Oscar" with its EtherCAT-based TUAKA robot drive.

Three innovations are nominated for the Hermes Award each year: in addition to TUAKA, this year's nominees were the crtIX Core EtherCAT control platform from Bosch Rexroth and the Han-Modular Domino Module industrial connector from Harting, which includes an EtherCAT connector. Thus, even before the award ceremony by Federal Research Minister Bettina Stark-Watzinger it was clear that an EtherCAT product would win: this year's Hermes Award is EtherCAT!

### **About EtherCAT Technology Group (ETG):**

The EtherCAT Technology Group is an organization in which key user companies from various industries and leading automation suppliers join forces to support, promote and advance the EtherCAT technology. With over 6.600 members from 69 countries the EtherCAT Technology Group has become the largest fieldbus organization in the world. Founded in November 2003, it is also the fastest growing fieldbus organization.

### **About EtherCAT®:**

EtherCAT is the Industrial Ethernet technology which stands for high-performance, low-cost, easy to use with a flexible topology. It was introduced in 2003 and has been an international IEC standard and a SEMI standard since 2007. EtherCAT is an open technology: anyone can implement or use it.

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