



Jena-Optronik is Boeing's first German "Supplier of the Year".

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The Jenoptik subsidiary is the first German company to receive the "Supplier of the Year 2006" award in the avionics area from the US technology group Boeing.

Jubilation at Jena-Optronik. The Boeing Company selected the Jena-based company yesterday as one of only 11 chosen from a field of more than 27,000 suppliers in nearly 100 countries around the world. This award from Boeing, the world's leading aerospace company, is the company's premier supplier award, presented annually to its top suppliers for their commitment to excellence and customer satisfaction. The winning suppliers were chosen based on statistical measurements of quality, on-time delivery, post-delivery support and cost for performance in 2006.

The company supports Boeing's Wideband Global Satcom and Spaceway programs, as well as other Boeing satellite systems with its autonomous tracking system ASTRO 15. Jena-Optronik is a market leader in star sensors, with a solid international business in Europe, the USA and Asia. The unique know-how and long tradition in the development field give the systems of the Jena-based company a leading edge in technology. Thanks to the high standard of quality and the successes achieved with Boeing, Jena-Optronik has managed to obtain the commitment of other communication satellite manufacturers, particularly in the USA, to long-term agreements. The sensors offer the maximum precision available to clients on the market.

"Our highly qualified and motivated employees provide the foundation stone for our success and it is them who enable us to create high-quality products and new innovations," said Dietmar Ratzsch, managing director of Jena-Optronik. "The selection is a great honor for us and receiving this award is an unforgettable moment in our history." The award was presented yesterday evening in Seattle and was received by Dietmar Ratzsch and the US representative of Jena-Optronik, Peter Lüst, on behalf of the entire workforce.

Information on Jena-Optronik GmbH

Jena-Optronik GmbH is one of the pioneers in space research. It develops, manufactures and markets opto-electronic instruments and systems for various applications in the area of aerospace and security technology. In recent years the company has become one of the leading instrument and system providers in the aviation and aerospace market. In addition, Jena-Optronik offers comprehensive services for the analysis of recorded data. Jena-Optronik, which has around 135 highly qualified employees at its site in Jena, is a 100 percent subsidiary of the Jenoptik Group and one of the companies in the Sensors division.

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