



## ebm-papst Information

### “USA, here we come!”

#### The successful project of the ebm-papst Energy Scouts goes international

They're looking for energy wasters at their company – equipped with instruments like a thermal imaging camera and a compressed-air measuring device – and help save considerable costs. From 1 to 7 June three apprentices of the fan and motor manufacturer ebm-papst with headquarters in Mulfingen in the German state of Baden-Württemberg will travel to the US. There they want to present their successful "Energy Scouts" project, which has existed since 2010, and sensitize people to the topics of climate protection, energy efficiency and sustainability initiated by President Barack Obama.

"We must now also begin internationally to reduce worldwide energy consumption and protect our resources. That's because the world's population will continue to grow and the conflicts over resources will become more acute." Eva-Maria Wolfart, one of the energy scouts on the trip to the US, is convinced of it.

In addition to the presentation at the company's branch office in Farmington, Connecticut, the apprentices will give lectures and practical training at interested companies, such as the laser specialist Trumpf, resident high schools and at the German American Chamber of Commerce in New York.

"We would be proud," said 18-year-old Wolfart, who is in her second-year apprenticeship as a management assistant for office communications at ebm-papst, "if we were to succeed in achieving a kick-off for American energy scouts, like our predecessors in Germany." In the past year, the Deutsche Industrie- und Handelskammertag (DIHK – Association of German Chambers of Industry and Commerce) picked up on the idea of the ebm-papst energy scouts and has adopted it as a nationwide training program within its chambers of industry and commerce (IHKs). To date, approximately 1,000 energy scouts have been trained nationwide at 33 IHKs.

A highlight for the apprentices, whose project has achieved a reduction in energy costs of approximately €1 million up until now at ebm-papst alone, is a meeting with Elliott Harris, Director of the UNEP (United Nations Environment Program) New York Office and United Nations Assistant Secretary-General. The three energy scouts are looking forward to the exchange and hope that their project can be an example of how great things can be achieved with small steps.

Picture caption: The ebm-papst apprentices are already well prepared for their trip to

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the US (from left to right) Timo Sigmeth, Eva-Maria Wolfart and Lukas Kübler.

#### Preliminary agenda

Monday: Flight to US

Tuesday: Visit to the company Sound Manufacturing, which among other things manufactures control cabinets. Presentation of the project and workshop with demonstration of the devices and search for leaks

Wednesday: Visit to a high school and presentation in the auditorium. Visit to the company Trumpf; presentation of the project and workshop with demonstration of the devices and search for leaks

Thursday: Visit to US branch office of ebm-papst. Presentation of the project and workshop with demonstration of the devices and search for leaks

Friday: Visit to the German American Chamber of Commerce, presentation of the project and parts of the week's results and meet & greet with Elliot Harris, the director of the New York office of the UNEP (United Nations Environment Program)

Saturday: Sightseeing

Sunday: Flight back to Germany

#### About ebm-papst

The ebm-papst Group is the world's leading manufacturer of fans and motors. Since its founding, the technology company has continually set standards for the worldwide market. This ranges from the marketability of electronically controlled EC fans to the aerodynamic improvement of the fan blades to the resource-saving choice of materials, including with biomaterials. In the financial year 2013/14, the company achieved sales of €1.5 billion. ebm-papst employs a staff of approximately 11,500 at 18 production sites (including in Germany, China and the US) and 57 sales sites worldwide. Fans and motors of the global leader can be found in many industries, including in sectors of ventilation, air-conditioning and refrigeration technology, household appliances, heating technology, IT and telecommunications, for passenger car applications and in commercial vehicle engineering.

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