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### **O.KLEINER AG wins third place in the ZKB (Zürcher Kantonalbank) Sustainability Awards 2012**

In recognition of their long term and consistent company strategy to live according to and preserve the values of social, ecological and economic sustainability, O.KLEINER AG has been awarded the ZKB Sustainability Prize 2012.

The ZKB has for years, acknowledged, with this Award, companies who demonstrably prove their important contribution to sustainable development.

#### **Ecological Sustainability**

In the area of ecological sustainability, O.KLEINER AG founded their environmental programme on the two pillars of "production processes" and "product development".

Continuous optimisation of production processes has created more than 30% reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions - inter alia through the Biofilter for eco-friendly, biological disposal of solvent-containing air emissions and the closed circuit heating and cooling system. Moreover, the largest photo-voltaic plant in the region is located on the roof of the factory.

O.KLEINER AG's product development goal is to optimise products to such an extent, that all **avoidable** CO<sub>2</sub> emissions can be prevented or, where not entirely possible, reduced to an acceptable level. The **unavoidable** CO<sub>2</sub> emissions produced by any production process are offset within certified international projects in co-operation with "myclimate". Climate change is a global issue!

#### **Future Direction**

This award has justified O.KLEINER AG's endeavours to continue and keep expanding its considerable innovation activities and, through them, economic sustainability, as well as supporting and recognising employees' contributions in Switzerland and abroad, thus promoting social sustainability.

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