

## Presse Information

Innovative strength for the global future: the German Green Energy System Provider BMZ

# **The BMZ Group is the winner of the Best**

## **Managed Companies Award 2024**

Karlstein am Main, 23. Mai 2024 – The BMZ Group, a global specialist for lithium-ion and sodium-ion battery systems headquartered in Karlstein am Main, is a Best Managed Company 2024 - recognized and valued with a seal of approval for outstandingly managed companies. The award was presented to BMZ Holding GmbH at a festive awards ceremony on the evening of May 23, 2024 in Frankfurt's Palmengarten. The Best Managed Companies award was created by Deloitte in Canada in the 1990s and is now established in more than 45 countries. In Germany, Deloitte Private, UBS, the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung and the Federation of German Industries (BDI) present the award annually to outstandingly managed companies from the German SME sector. The BMZ Group, a manufacturer of innovative electricity storage solutions with around 2,500 employees and a global annual turnover of more than 600 million euros, was among this year's award winners with its very first application.

The Best Managed Companies program is a competition and seal of quality for successful medium-sized companies and pursues the vision of building a national and global ecosystem of excellently managed medium-sized companies. All medium-sized companies with a minimum annual turnover of 150 million euros that are headquartered in Germany are eligible to participate. Dr. Christine Wolter, Partner and Lead of Deloitte Private, comments on the award for BMZ: "BMZ Group is an outstanding example of a Best Managed Company that impresses with its powerful mix of vision, productivity, innovation and strong value-oriented leadership. In addition, the company has a remarkable ability to reconcile attractive work and economic growth. It is an example of how companies can make a big difference in their region."

### **Evaluation in four core areas**

The selection process for the Best Managed Companies Award is strict. Applicants undergo an intensive coaching process, which is characteristic of this competition. The excellence of the applicants is evaluated in four core areas: Strategy, Productivity &

Innovation, Culture & Commitment and Governance & Finance. A medium-sized company that wants to become the Best Managed Company must demonstrate above-average performance in all four areas and also convince a high-caliber, independent jury with its detailed application. The BMZ Group succeeded in doing just that.

#### **Self-image as a green energy system provider**

Sven Bauer, Founder and CEO of the BMZ Group, is delighted with the confirmation of the Best Managed Company 2024 award: “All of our employees can be proud of this award. As a specialist in intelligent storage solutions, we have developed into a leading global battery expert since our foundation in 1994. Our vision is to create a green world without dependence on nuclear power, coal, gas or oil. Our self-image is that of a 'Green Energy System Provider'. We see it as our mission to promote electrification in all areas of life in order to reduce the global CO2 footprint. We therefore develop innovative products for climate protection through technological progress instead of restrictions. This innovation leadership is paying off today. Having been ahead of our time for a long time, our business is now in line with the growing global need for solutions to mitigate climate change. We are now a global player with deep expertise in booming markets.”

#### **German innovative strength for the global future**

CEO Sven Bauer also sees this vision and mission of the BMZ Group, which is so crucial today, as a central aspect of the corporate culture: “We acquire and retain our top talent primarily by offering ‘jobs with a purpose’ - we offer secure jobs that make a positive contribution to society. This opportunity to be part of something big creates immense motivation and cohesion within the workforce. The sense of togetherness has always been a priority for us, and we cultivate an open “you” culture right up to top management. Every idea is listened to and we are proud of our swarm intelligence. For example, 20 percent of our employees work in Research & Development and Innovation & Research. Accordingly, around 45 percent of our corporate profit flows into these areas. Our innovation strategy also includes radical innovations. A current example: we are currently setting the next milestone with our entry into sodium-ion cell technology under the 'NaTE' brand. While lithium-ion cell technology scores with its unbeatable energy density, sodium-ion cell technology impresses with its greater environmental friendliness and greater cost efficiency.”

**Further information about the BMZ Group and its portfolio can be found here:**

[www.bmz-group.com](http://www.bmz-group.com).



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**About the Federation of German Industries (BDI)**

The BDI is the umbrella organization of German industry and industry-related service providers. 39 industry associations, 15 regional representations and more than 100,000 companies - listed corporations as well as medium-sized family businesses - with around eight million employees make the association the voice of German industry. The BDI is committed to a modern, sustainable and successful industry in Germany, Europe and the world.

**About BMZ-Group**

The BMZ Group is a global player in the development and production of cross-industry lithium-ion and sodium-ion battery system solutions. It offers the entire value chain: from the cell and the battery to second life and disposal. The BMZ Group supplies markets such as medical, power and garden tools, delivers industrial applications and, above all, sees itself as THE GREEN ENERGY

SYSTEM PROVIDER. With the production of home and industrial storage systems for photovoltaic systems and batteries for electromobility, BMZ manufactures the heart of the infrastructure required for the energy and transportation transition. In view of climate change and its consequences, the BMZ Group is thus assuming its social, economic and ecological responsibility. The BMZ Group is headquartered in Germany and has further production facilities in China, Poland, the USA, North Macedonia and Brazil. In addition to subsidiaries in Japan, Hong Kong, the UK and France, BMZ also has research and development sites worldwide. The BMZ Group employs more than 2,500 people.

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