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REWE Green Building Nominated For The 'Sustainable Energy Europe Award 2010'

EU Commission will award the prize during the Sustainable Energy Week held in Brussels in March

REWE Group's Green Building has been nominated for the 'Sustainable Energy Europe Award 2010' which is offered by the EU Commission. The sustainable REWE supermarket is thus among the five candidates for the renowned prize that will be awarded in Brussels on 23 March by the EU Commissioner for Energy, Günther Oettinger, within the framework of the European Union's Sustainable Energy Week. The REWE store with a sales floor area of more than 1,800 square metres was opened in Berlin in November 2009 and is CO₂ neutral. Compared to a standard building, it consumes 50 per cent less energy.

The 'Sustainable Energy Europe Award 2010', which is awarded this year for the fourth time within the 'Sustainable Energy Europe Campaign', an initiative of the European Commission, honours the best concepts that contribute to achieve the EU's energy policy targets. The prize is awarded in five categories. REWE's Green Building has been nominated for the category 'Demonstration and Dissemination Projects', which awards the efforts undertaken for an efficient introduction of new technologies in the sectors buildings, transport, renewable energies and energy efficiency. A total of 272 applications for the 'Sustainable Energy Europe Award 2010' have been received, of which 94 are in the category of 'Demonstration and Dissemination Projects'.

Already in January, the Hauptverband des Deutschen Einzelhandels (Umbrella Association of the German Retail Trade - HDE) has nominated the REWE Green Building, along with two fellow competitors, for the award "store of the year 2010" in the category "Food". The official vote of the jury comprising prominent members from trade, industry, business and economic consultancy will announce the award for the sixth time during the Trade Real Estate Congress in Berlin on Tuesday (23 February).

As the first supermarket worldwide, REWE's Green Building, a sustainable supermarket designed according to the latest technological findings, was awarded a gold label by the

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Nachhaltiges Bauen (German Society for Sustainable Building – DGNB). The heating, ventilation, lighting, air conditioning and refrigeration systems of the building do not pollute the environment with carbon dioxide emissions. Further special features include daylight architecture in combination with energy-saving construction techniques, best insulation, sustainable materials and the use of energy from renewable sources.

"We are using the practical findings obtained from the pilot project 'REWE Green Building - Concept Future' to define long-term a strategy for the future roll-out of the overall concept or of specific concept components," said Martin Orterer from Management Sales National. The nomination for the 'Sustainable Energy Europe Award 2010' and as 'store of the year 2010' has made us proud and happy. We regard this as a confirmation of our approach," noted Orterer.

Founded in Cologne, Germany, in 1927, the REWE Group is one of the leading trading companies in Europe with a turnover of 50 billion euros, approx. 320,000 employees and about 15,000 stores. Alltogether, the REWE Group operates supermarkets and discounters under the brands of BILLA and PENNY in eleven European countries. In Germany, the retailer company conducts its 3.300 stores and supermakets under the label "REWE".

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