

HEINZ TROX RECEIVES ORDER OF MERIT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY FOR HIS OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT TO SOCIETY

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On 24 November 2014, Dr. Ansgar Müller, District Administrator (Landrat) of the District of Wesel, where the TROX GROUP International Head Office is located, presented Heinz Trox (majority shareholder and Chairman of the Supervisory Board of TROX GmbH) with the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Specifically, Heinz Trox received the Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany in honour of his outstanding commitment to society; the Order of Merit is officially awarded by Germany's President Joachim Gauck. Heinz Trox was in fact honoured as an entrepreneur who acts with a high social responsibility.

From left to right: Harald Lenßen (Mayor of Neukirchen-Vluyn), Brigitta Trox, Heinz Trox (Founder of the Heinz Trox Foundation, majority shareholder and Chairman of the Supervisory Board of TROX GmbH) and Dr. Ansgar Müller (District Administrator of Wesel District)

In his speech, Ansgar Müller called Heinz Trox an entrepreneur with a high social responsibility, as you rarely find them today. He named in particular the extraordinary lifetime achievement of expanding the TROX GmbH to its current standing: a global leader in the field of ventilation and air conditioning, with more than 3700 employees and expected revenues of nearly €500 million in 2014. TROX GmbH, based in Neukirchen-Vluyn, is in fact in that region generally considered a company that is fit for the future and provides secure jobs. TROX offers not only excellent vocational education and training courses but is also highly committed to research and development.

Heinz Trox also received the Order of Merit for his establishing the Heinz Trox Foundation. The Heinz Trox Foundation, formed in 1991, aids in securing the future of TROX GmbH as an independent company. Heinz Trox currently holds 85 % of the TROX GmbH share capital of €38 million, the Foundation holds 9 %, and TROX executives hold 6 %.

Objects of the Foundation are supporting scientific work in the field of ventilation and air conditioning (basic research, project-specific research, support of educational institutions, grants) and promoting social and cultural activities. The Foundation supports in particular day-care centres for children, homes for children and adolescents, nursing homes for the sick and elderly, cultural and arts events and institutions, and sports activities for children and adolescents. In the 23 years the Foundation has existed, its assets have increased from 500,000 deutschmarks to

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more than 10 million euros. The [website](#) lists some of the most noteworthy projects that have been supported by the Foundation.

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TROX is leading in the development, manufacture and sale of components, units and systems for the ventilation and air conditioning of rooms. With 30 subsidiary companies in 30 countries on 5

continents, 14 production facilities, and importers and representatives, TROX is present in over 70 countries. Founded in 1951, the world market leader, whose TROX GROUP International Head Office is in Germany, is expected to generate in 2014 with a total of 3700 employees around the globe revenues of nearly €500 million.

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