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Accolade for world's first safety relay in batch size 1 - Pilz nominated for Hermes Award with myPNOZ

Ostfildern, 12.04.2021 - **The automation company Pilz, based in Baden-Württemberg, was nominated for this year's HERMES AWARD. The industry equivalent of an Oscar, the award was bestowed today as part of the Hannover Messe Digital Edition 2021. Pilz was one of three companies nominated for the award. Phoenix Contact joined Pilz among the nominees, along with this year's winner, Bosch-Rexroth. Pilz received the accolade for its new, personalised safety relay myPNOZ. Users can simply "create online" their own individual myPNOZ product in the spirit of Industrie 4.0.**

"Digitisation always begins with in-house IT infrastructure and the ability to offer customers added value through software. The myPNOZ has made its mark in this regard and has been rewarded with this nomination! This is an extraordinary recognition of our work and thanks are due to all our staff involved in developing the myPNOZ". That's the view of a delighted Susanne Kunschert and Thomas Pilz, both Managing Partners at Pilz.

The jury chaired by Prof. Reimund Neugebauer, the president of the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft e.V., recognised the Pilz solution as a "ready-to-install, completely individualised system that represents an efficient and safe solution for mechanical and plant engineering as well as other industries."

The Hermes Award is the most prestigious industrial prize internationally

Each year, Deutsche Messe AG grants the HERMES AWARD, the most prestigious industrial prize internationally, to honour a company whose product or solution has a particularly high level of technological innovation. Only technology solutions that are already tried and tested in industry are eligible.

myPNOZ enables safety in batch size 1

With myPNOZ, Pilz offers its customers tailor-made safety solutions that are ready to use. Selection and ordering are much simpler thanks to the online tool myPNOZ Creator; it is delivered pre-assembled, set up and tested as a safe, completely individualised system that's ready to install. The company has created a universal, digital platform, which forms the basis for manufacturing the safety relay that the customer has created in batch size 1. What's far more important for the customer, however, is saving time during engineering, as the tool simultaneously creates the logic image, e-plan macro and safety matrix and makes them available for the customer via download.

Pioneering work in the field of safe automation

Using safety relays, functions such as E-STOP or two-hand control on presses are safely and reliably monitored on industrial machines – so protecting humans. As such myPNOZ is following the tradition of innovative, safe automation solutions from Pilz: In 1987 the automation company launched the world's first ever safety relay, so founding this product type, and with it modern safety in industry.

Further information on the product is available [here](#)

Caption: With the innovative safety relay myPNOZ, Pilz has set a milestone with regard to digitisation in industry: it enables Pilz to offer safe solutions, which are available to customers in accordance with "their" specific individual batch size 1 requirements. The product has now been nominated for the Hermes Award.
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