

Siemens Magnet Technology achieves 5-star in the EFQM recognised for excellence programme

Siemens Magnet Technology (SMT) has successfully achieved the 5-star recognition level in the European Foundation for Quality Management (EFQM) Recognised for Excellence programme delivered by the British Quality Foundation (BQF). The 5-star level is the highest achievement in this programme which carries out a peer-assessment and it recognises an organisation that:

- Is a high performing organisation where change is the norm
- Improves, refines and simplifies the practices it uses to achieve its goals
- Has ongoing results, in line with its strategy

Siemens Magnet Technology (SMT) in Eynsham, is a world leading designer and manufacturer of superconducting magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) magnets for medical applications. Around 95 per cent of the magnets produced at its Oxfordshire facility in the UK are exported and Siemens Magnet Technology has received seven Queen's Awards in recognition of its high-tech achievements, export success, innovation and contribution to the development of MRI technology. More than 30 per cent of the MRI scanners installed in hospitals worldwide have at heart a superconducting magnet designed and manufactured on site by Siemens.

Achieving 5-star success demonstrates Siemens commitment to excellence. Siemens Magnet Technology strongly believes in the value that embracing the EFQM model can add to a business and see this assessment as a milestone on its journey of continuous improvement.

The British Quality Foundation (BQF) is an independent, not-for-profit, corporate membership organisation, founded in 1993 by Government and leading UK businesses. As a Primary Partner of EFQM, the BQF is the only organisation able to provide their full range of products and services, based around the EFQM Excellence Model, in the UK.

The Siemens Healthcare Sector is one of the world's largest suppliers to the healthcare industry and a trendsetter in medical imaging, laboratory diagnostics, medical information technology and hearing aids. Siemens offers its customers products and solutions for the entire range of patient care from a single source – from prevention and early detection to diagnosis, and on to treatment and aftercare. By optimizing clinical workflows for the most common diseases, Siemens also makes healthcare faster, better and more cost-effective. Siemens Healthcare employs some 52,000 employees worldwide and operates around the world.

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About Siemens

Siemens AG (Berlin and Munich) is a global technology powerhouse that has stood for engineering excellence, innovation, quality, reliability and internationality for more than 165 years. The company is active in more than 200 countries, focusing on the areas of electrification, automation and digitalisation. One of the world's largest producers of energy-efficient, resource-saving technologies, Siemens is No. 1 in offshore wind turbine construction, a leading supplier of combined cycle turbines for power generation, a leading provider of power transmission solutions and a pioneer in infrastructure solutions and automation and software solutions for industry. The company is also a leading supplier of medical imaging equipment – such as computed tomography and magnetic resonance imaging systems – and a leader in laboratory diagnostics as well as clinical IT. In fiscal 2013, which ended on September 30, 2013, revenue from continuing operations totalled €75.9 billion and income from continuing operations €4.2 billion. At the end of September 2013, Siemens had around 362,000 employees worldwide on the basis of continuing operations. Further information is available on the Internet at www.siemens.co.uk.

EFQM Levels of Excellence

EFQM Levels of Excellence is Europe's leading recognition programme for high levels of organisational performance. It is suitable for all organisations, regardless of location, size or sector, and is based on the EFQM Excellence Model. With two levels of recognition, it can provide an organisation with a proven route to attaining the highest levels of performance:

Committed to Excellence (C2E) is for organisations starting out on their journey towards excellence, while Recognised for Excellence (R4E) is designed to help organisations already well on their way to achieving sustainable excellence.

EFQM Excellence Model

The EFQM Excellence Model is a management framework used by over 30,000 organisations in Europe and beyond.

Developed by EFQM, it is a practical, non-prescriptive framework that can enable an organisation to improve its performance and achieve sustainable success.

British Quality Foundation

Founded in 1993 by Government and leading UK businesses, the British Quality Foundation (BQF) is an independent, not-for-profit, corporate membership organisation. With over 500 members spanning the public, voluntary and private sectors, it is the community for every business seeking excellent insights, tools and experiences to improve itself.

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