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Wilo CEO receives prize from workforce and gives it to Dortmund heart specialist

Following an emergency situation at Wilo, Oliver Hermes honours Prof. Dr. Helge Möllmann

Dortmund. April witnessed a very special moment at the annual meeting of Wilo employees in Dortmund: on behalf of the workforce at the technology group, the Works Council at Wilo presented Oliver Hermes with an award for the courage he demonstrated in reacting to a medical emergency at Wilopark. The President & Global CEO of the company has now passed on the award to Prof. Dr. Helge Möllmann, who is the Lead Doctor at the Clinic for Internal Medicine I at St. Johannes Hospital in Dortmund and who, in the words of Hermes, is "the real saviour".

Background: Back in the summer of 2024, a factory worker employed at the Smart Factory at the Wilo group headquarters suffered a heart attack. The CEO of Wilo personally argued for treatment to be provided by renowned heart specialist, Prof. Dr. Möllmann. At the award ceremony, Hermes explained that "as a result of the brave intervention of first responders at the factory and the outstanding treatment provided by Prof. Möllmann at St. Johannes Hospital in Dortmund, I am thankful to say that today, our colleague is doing well."

"There was no doubt at all that I should ask Prof. Möllmann to treat my colleague. As a family business in the fifth generation, I feel it is my responsibility to look after the well-being of employees whenever possible", continued Hermes. Prof. Dr. Möllmann explained that he was, "delighted to receive the award and that he could help", continuing by saying: "It comes naturally to me to respond quickly and efficiently in an emergency. It's wonderful that the patient is doing well and my team and I wish him the best of recoveries!"

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Image caption: At the award ceremony (from the left to right): Tobias Bähr, Vice-Chair of the Works Council of WILO SE, Prof. Dr. Helge Möllmann, Lead Doctor at the Clinic for Internal Medicine I at St. Johannes Hospital in Dortmund, and Oliver Hermes, President & Global CEO of the Wilo Group. Image: WILO SE

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Image caption: Oliver Hermes receiving an award at the Wilo Workforce Meeting in April for acting courageously in an emergency. However, the CEO of Wilo passed it on to Prof. Dr. Helge Möllmann, whom he called the “real saviour.”
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