

Swiss Employer Award 2011:

HAPA honored as best Employer in the Swiss Machine and Construction Industries



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Volketswil ZH – The internationally active printing and packaging specialist, Hapa AG, took the distinguished 15th place in Switzerland's largest survey of employees' attitudes, the Swiss Arbeitgeber Award 2011 (Swiss Employer Award 2011).

In doing so, Hapa set itself apart as the best Employer in the Machine and Construction Industries Category. «We are extremely proud of this award,” commented Gordana Milkovic Stankovic, Human Resources Manager at Hapa, “because it recognizes the collaboration between management and personnel here that is based on fairness, respect, passion and honesty. At the same time, the reward acknowledges how strongly each of our employees identifies with Hapa, as well as an overall healthy sense of team spirit.” Milkovic Stankovic noted, “Quite a number of our employees have been with our company for decades; and most of those who left the company in search of new opportunities and experiences returned to us in short time. It is an integrated component of our company's culture that the needs of our employees are taken seriously and that each is offered possibilities within the company for development.” She added, “We are confident, therefore, that such a culture as ours has an enormous and positive impact on the quality of everyone's work, and consequently on our customers' satisfaction.»

On its Own, Employee Participation Counts. The Swiss Employer Award, earlier the Cash Employer Award, is presented yearly to the 25 best Swiss Employers, the results of which are based on the outcome of a comprehensive employee survey. Participation in the survey is voluntary. The Award is newly sponsored by the business magazine Bilanz and the Swiss Employers' Association.

Unlike most awards of this type, which rely on the participation of an external jury of experts, the Swiss Employer Award distinguishes itself by depending solely on the responses of the employees in the roll of «internal experts».

The top 25 companies were honoured in September at a gala event organized by KMU Swiss.