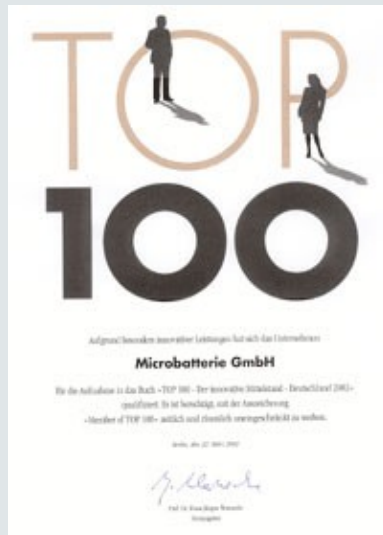


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Microbatterie GmbH ranks in the Top 100

VARTA AG subsidiary Microbatterie GmbH has recently been included in the Top 100 Innovative Small and Medium-Sized Companies in Germany 2002 . This is now the third publication of the book, and it profiles a selection of German companies. Varta s Microbatterie GmbH in Ellwangen is among the six newcomers qualifying for inclusion in the list.

The book is part of a project highlighting and promoting innovation in small- to medium-sized companies. Companies are selected based on a questionnaire, which provides information on the company s activities, on its economic development and on the new processes and technologies it uses in its product, organizational and HR sectors and the corporate culture.

Microbatterie GmbH, founded in August 2001, is a global manufacturer of power- and performance-optimized electrochemical energy storage systems. Rechargeable batteries based on state-of-the-art systems such as lithium polymer, lithium ion and nickel-metal-hydride play a major role in the company s activities. Products from Ellwangen are used mostly in microsystems technology.

One of the cornerstones of Microbatterie GmbH s success is its international sales organization. The organization maintains a high profile in all the world s hubs of microsystems

technology (Europe, Asia and the USA).
With some 1,600 committed employees
worldwide, Microbatterie GmbH proves
that the Battery Experts offer both
outstanding batteries and unparalleled
expertise.

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