

## **Mankiewicz goes VDA 6.3**

as the only A paint supplier of Daimler AG

Hamburg, January 2011 – Next to developing “Coating Concepts of the Future” company Mankiewicz Gebr. & Co. can now also be called a “Paint Factory of the Future”. Having passed the VDA 6.3 process audit the Hamburg paint manufacturer is the only company to have achieved A status at automobile manufacturer Daimler AG. A reliable supplier and project management, quick order processing and safe production processes guarantee the unfailing supply of Mankiewicz’s customers.

The Hamburg-based supplier for the international paint industry continues its innovation strategy: since November 2011, Mankiewicz is A supplier of the Daimler AG – with a top result of 94.8 per cent! This is a unique selling proposition in the paint market. Up to now no other paint manufacturer worldwide has managed to obtain this status.

### ***Optimisation with regard to “First Class Production”***

The classification was based on quality standard VDA 6.3 for process audits devised by the German Association of the Automotive Industry (VDA). The auditing’s focus was on supplier management, project management, order processing (customer centre), production processing from materials planning to dispatch as well as quality and human resources. Especially in the production area several cross-departmental advancements were implemented. With regard to “First Class Production” several production areas were arranged in a target-oriented way according to 5S standards.

Thus, the processing times were reduced, ergonomics and logistics were improved at various work places and cross-plant work standards were implemented. “With transparent process steps, specific barcode identification, scanner-managed processes and weighing logs we have reached the next performance level, thus securing the reliable supply of our customers worldwide even more than we did before”, says Michael Grau, General Manager of the Mankiewicz Group.

### ***Set things in motion with a “Paint Factory of the Future”***

In the course of the process audit VDA 6.3 various optimisations were implemented which will ensure Mankiewicz’s future success in the market. “By means of a continuous improvement process we

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have developed our paint factory of the future and further extended the lead against our competitors”, Grau explains.

## **ABOUT MANKIEWICZ**

Mankiewicz Gebr. & Co., one of Germany's traditional paint manufacturers (established in 1895 and based in Hamburg), leads the field in the production of both solvent-based and water-dilutable high-tech coating systems for industrial series production. Today, Mankiewicz supplies its high-quality paint products to various different markets such as machine construction, capital goods, automotive, aviation, railway, medical technology and yachts. The in-house research and development department permits the development of all paint systems in all colour shades, gloss grades and textures, tailor-made to suit each customer's requirements. Worldwide more than 800 staff members are committed to the realisation of “Coating Concepts of the Future” in accordance with current quality standards. The high quality of the products and processes is guaranteed by a quality management system which was established many years ago. Mankiewicz is certified in accordance with ISO 9001, ISO/TS 16949, VDA 6.3, EN 9100 and ISO 14001. For further information please visit [www.mankiewicz.com](http://www.mankiewicz.com)

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