

Mourning for Karl-Heinz Lust



At the age of 63, following a long illness, Karl Heinz Lust, the founder of LTi (Lust Technology International), Sensitec, and Levitec, passed away during the night on 10 September 2009.

Karl-Heinz Lust's extraordinary business achievement can best be grasped through the development and success of his enterprises over the best part of the last 40 years. From humble beginnings, Karl-Heinz Lust established an internationally active group of companies employing around 1,000 people, sustainably consolidated as a family business.

Today, the LTi group stands for high-end solutions in the three key areas of drive technology and automation; renewable energy sources; and in the field of sensors and microsystems engineering. In addition to his business pursuits, Karl-Heinz Lust also held numerous positions in public bodies. These included being a member of the board of the ZVEI (Central Association of the Electrotechnical and Electronic Industry in Germany); the Strategy Group on Microsystems and System Integrators at the VDI/VDE, a board member of the AAL innovation partnership between the BMBF (German Ministry of Education and Research) and the VDE, and a member of the BMBF's Research Union along with Annette Schavan the Minister. He was also a member of the DIHK, the association of German Chambers of Industry and Commerce - for a time as Chairman of the Committee on Industry and Research - and of the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft. He was also an honorary senator of the Gießen-Friedberg University of Applied Sciences, as well as President - and finally Honorary President - of the Lahn Dill Chamber of Industry and Commerce.

Karl-Heinz Lust sought contact with universities, polytechnics, and research institutions from an early stage. In this context, he advocated innovative forms of collaboration between industry, research and academia, and made the most of this cooperation for the benefit of numerous joint projects, generating a lively exchange of experience.

Thanks to his charisma, his vision and his dynamic entrepreneurial spirit, Karl-Heinz Lust was highly cherished as a business personality by employees and customers alike. The interests and needs of his staff were always at the heart of his professional work.

All his life, Karl-Heinz Lust promoted Germany as a business location and backed the country's technical progress.

As an entrepreneur of the old school, Karl-Heinz Lust never sought short-term success - not only in relation to his business - instead, he was always concerned with following long-term and sustainable goals.