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ThyssenKrupp Elevator Recognized by U.S. Department of Energy for Reducing Manufacturing Energy Use by 38 Percent in Three Years

Alpharetta, Georgia - (October 2, 2014) - [ThyssenKrupp Elevator Americas](#) has exceeded the [United States Department of Energy's Better Plants](#)[®] program requirements seven years early and 13 percent above targeted program goals. The company will be recognized at the [World Energy Engineering Congress](#) (WEEC) at the Washington Convention Center in Washington D.C. on October 2, 2014.

In 2011, ThyssenKrupp Elevator joined the Department of Energy's Better Plants program (previously called Save Energy Now) and agreed to reduce energy consumption by 25 percent in 10 years.

"We joined the Better Plants program to further our commitment to sustainable manufacturing. Focusing on energy reduction and reducing waste represent significant goals for ThyssenKrupp Elevator's U.S. operations. In 2009, prior to joining the Better Plants program, we pledged to reduce energy and water use by 20 percent by 2015. It is truly a testament to our convictions that we have exceeded both the timeline and the percentage of reduction so aggressively," says Doug Apelt, president of manufacturing, ThyssenKrupp Elevator Americas.

Other sustainability-focused activities at ThyssenKrupp Elevator in recent news include:

- [Fraunhofer Living Laboratory](#) – conducting feasibility on 100% solar powered elevator at the laboratory;

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- [Green Fleet](#) – recently added both Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and hybrid to our existing propane and electric alternative vehicle options;
- Received a [VDI A Rating](#) for our TAC 32 elevator controller - VDI measures and classifies elevators according to their energy performance;
- Only elevator company with a [Health Product Declaration](#) (HPD) and representation on the Manufacturers Advisory Panel through the HPD Collaborative; and,
- Recently awarded a contract to install an endura MRL elevator on a [Living Building Challenge](#) (strictest green building system in the world).

Apelt will be in Washington D.C. on October 2, 2014 to accept the award at the [World Energy Engineering Congress](#) (WEEC).

About ThyssenKrupp Elevator Americas

ThyssenKrupp Elevator Americas is the largest producer of elevators in the Americas, with more than 15,500 employees, more than 230 branch and service locations. ThyssenKrupp Elevator Americas oversees all business for the operations in the United States, Canada, Central and South America. It is a subsidiary of ThyssenKrupp Elevator AG.

ThyssenKrupp, a global technology and materials group headquartered in Essen, Germany, employs around 157,000 people in just under 80 countries. In the fiscal year 2012/2013, ThyssenKrupp generated sales of more than €8.3 billion (approximately \$11 billion) in North America and employed more than 20,000 people. In North America, ThyssenKrupp oversees more than 40 companies in the United States, Canada and México; its companies offer a range of products including: premium carbon steel, high-performance alloys, automotive components, elevators, escalators, material trading, handling and logistics, plant construction and industrial services.

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