###### **Leading Market Research and Consulting Company rates iTAC Software AG once again as I4.0 innovation driver**

# ISG Provider Lens “Internet of Things (I4.0) Platforms”: iTAC ranked as leader for I4.0 platforms for the second time.

# Montabaur, 22 September 2017 – The MES software provider iTAC Software AG has received the title “Leader for Industry 4.0 Platforms” for the second time. In the ISG Provider Lens Germany 2018 – Internet of Things (I4.0) Platforms, Services & Solutions study relevant suppliers on the German market were examined and ranked following the ISG Provider Lens Research process. iTAC was also able to convince the panel in a second category of Industrial Analytics and Visualization as Product Challenger.

The classic core task of MES (Manufacturing Execution Systems) is to control production processes. The development of new products around this core task is ongoing. A new generation of intelligent solutions for networking and automating production processes is being born. The market research and consulting company Information Services Group Germany GmbH (ISG) describes these solutions as Industry 4.0 platforms. The unique selling proposition of the iTAC I4.0 solution portfolio are the three different models available: first, complete from Public Cloud via IoT platforms, second, complete On Premises solutions and third, as an Edge Device solution.

**Leader: Industry 4.0 Platforms**

ISG identified ten companies as relevant providers for industry 4.0 within the German market. Five of these providers were positioned in the leader quadrant. iTAC is once again at eye level with Bosch SI and Beckhoff.

The providers ranked as leaders have a highly attractive range of products and services as well as a strong market position and a competitive edge. They fulfill all requirements to serve the market successfully. These providers are strategically dictating the pace and setting the trends and are a guarantee for strong innovation stability.

iTAC convinced the analysts with the following advantages: The iTAC.MES.Suite *dockerized* with its service-orientated architecture and container-based structure is available on leading IoT platforms such as Microsoft Azure, AWS, IBM Bluemix etc. This means that the MES services of iTAC.MES.Suite *dockerized* can be used with the other high performance services of these horizontal IoT platforms. iTAC is a company with great technological expertise. It has proved that a secure and scalable I4.0 platform from the Cloud with Near-Realtime Capability is possible. Container technology such as Docker is used for MES services. Years of experience in MES have led to services that make quality analyses, complete traceability, automatic material supply control as well as simultaneous multi-resource planning possible – as a Public Cloud, On Premises or Edge Device solution.

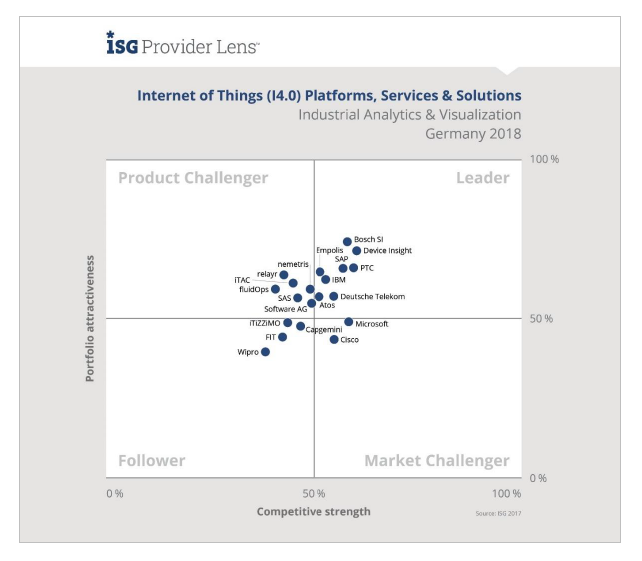
Furthermore, ISG certified iTAC as having an above-average potential for development in strategy and vision, architecture and service design and client experience. Last year iTAC received the title “Leader Industry 4.0 Platforms” and was able to further improve its position in the quadrant this year.

**Product Challenger: Industrial Analytics & Visualization**

Additionally, iTAC was awarded the title Product Challenger in the Industrial Analytics and Visualization category. ISG identified 20 companies as relevant providers in this area. The products and services of Product Challengers fulfill the requirements of companies in an exceptional way. The Industrial Analytics & Visualization segment is for providers whose products, solutions and services focus on the processing (analytics) and visualization of (sensor)data from different sources in industrial machines and plants. The purpose is to provide new insights. All solutions are based on the analysis and visualization of big, complex and unstructured data.

iTAC was said to have above-average development potential in strategy and vision with its Smart Data Analytics Service iTAC.SDA.Service and the IoT-Portal which is based on this.

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***Quadrant for Industrial Analytics and Visualization***



***Quadrant for Industry 4.0 Platforms***

**About iTAC Software AG**

iTAC Software AG, an independent company of the mechanical and plant engineering group Dürr, provides Internet-enabled information and communication technologies for the manufacturing industry. Founded in 1998, the company is one of the leading MES providers in Germany. The iTAC.MES.Suite is a cloud-based Manufacturing Execution System that is used worldwide by companies in different industry sectors such as automotive manufacturers and suppliers, [electronics/EMS/TC](http://en.itac.de/pages/branches/eleronic/index.html), medical technology, metal processing and energy. Additional services and solutions enable the implementation of industry 4.0 requirements. This includes the iTAC.IoT.Platform. Via this I4.0 /IoT platform, Docker Container Services (SaaS) can be drawn as Public Cloud applications based on the iTAC.MES.Suite. ITAC’s philosophy is connecting people, data and systems.

iTAC Software AG has its headquarters in Montabaur (Germany) as well as a branch in the USA and a global partner network for sales and services.

The Dürr Group is one of the world's leading mechanical and plant engineering firms. Products, systems and services offered by Dürr enable highly efficient manufacturing processes in different industries. Business with automobile manufacturers and their suppliers accounts for approximately 60% of Dürr's sales. Other market segments include, for example, the mechanical engineering, chemical and pharmaceutical industries and the woodworking industry.

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