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Success Story

Haus der Bayerischen Wirtschaft, München

«The biometrics system works perfectly.»

«We have created secure access particularly from public areas.»

«We were very satisfied with the rapid implementation of the project by Bavaria Zeitsysteme, our partner on site.»

Thomas Mehlhorn
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Biometrics ensures maximum security in the 'Haus der Bayerischen Wirtschaft'

«Haus der Bayerischen Wirtschaft» in the heart of Munich is one of the most modern conference centers in Germany. This is where many shareholders' meetings or important press conferences of large companies are held. Politicians and leading business managers are to be seen here too. Security measures have been tightened due to the terrorists' attacks. To guarantee maximum security, a biometrics solution is now being used for access control. With its conference center, the bistro, television studio and diverse services, Haus der Bayerischen Wirtschaft (HBW) is an ideal location for information, communication and the exchange of ideas between people. The architecture combines art with aesthetics and functionality. With the breathtaking sweep of the staircase above the entrance, the light-flooded foyer, the invigorating colors of the light, friendly halls, a stimulating environment has been created for inspiration and dialog. A consistent high-tech communication and

modern multimedia technology was already incorporated into the conceptual planning of the HBW, which was opened in 1997. Whether standard technology is required for workshops or seminars, or international events are to be transmitted around the world, all the systems and equipment are of a top-class standard and comply with the state of the art. It is therefore not surprising that a large number of press conferences, congresses, lectures, product presentations, exhibitions, shareholders' meeting and event banquets, concerts and parties are held here. In the television studio, broadcasting channels such as n-tv, VOX, Deutsche Welle and BR-alpha as well as a number of private production companies produce programs here. Interviews are recorded in the studios and films produced. Important Bavarian company associations have their headquarters in the HBW. These include the VBM - Verband der Bayerischen Metall- und Elektro-Industrie (Association of the Bavarian Metal and Electrical Industry) as the owner, its sister

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association BayME - Bayerischer Unternehmensverband Metall und Elektro (Bavarian Association of Metal and Electrical Companies), which also operates the conference center, and the vbw - Vereinigung der Bayerischen Wirtschaft («Federation of Bavarian Business»). BayME represents the common, macro-economic social and political interests of its more than 1,100 member companies. With an annual growth in members averaging 20%, BayME is one of the fastest-growing service associations in Germany. The association offers its members in six branches in the Bavarian regions competent information, consulting and support as well as representation in all issues of labor and social law. BayME does not conclude any tariff agreements; this is the classical task of its sister association VBM. The range of services offered by BayME include e.g. sample labor agreements, company agreements, company collective agreements, regulations governing part-time employment and the right of co-determination. CEOs of major companies, high-ranking politicians and ministers as well as the Minister-President are to be seen going in and out here. After the terrorist attacks in 2001, it was decided after a security check to enhance security further with a new system. The building, for instance, is accessible via a public underground car park. This 'entrance' needed to be monitored better. As they already had a card-based access control system, the management did not want a second card system. When researching the solutions on the market, the management came across a biometrics system based on fingerprints. «Our building should remain transparent but still be secure»,

emphasizes Thomas Mehlhorn, head of marketing at BayME. «In our opinion, a biometrics solution seemed to guarantee security best.» They thus opted for fingerprint terminals from Kaba Benzing that work solely with the finger and without badges, and the very flexible access control software Bedatime. ZUTRITT from Kaba Benzing VAR Bavaria Zeitsysteme GmbH based in Munich. «In the short time available to make the necessary decision, Kaba Benzing convinced us of the technical feasibility, the price-performance structure and the issues that were still pending for us, namely with regard to data protection», explains Volker Thurm, Head of the Facility Management at the HBW. «In our supplier on site, we have also found someone who has the corresponding expertise and can thus also present solutions for other forthcoming tasks in the area of locking systems, emergency door controls and company badges.» In the spring of 2003, fingerprint terminals were thus installed at safety-relevant points, for instance, 3 in the elevators from the underground car park, 3 in the access points to the management level, 2 in front of the EDP rooms and one terminal in front of the so-called «fire-place room» where important figures from politics and business regularly meet. All 200 or so employees were familiarized with the system and were given different access authorizations as required. Here, the authorizations were issued in a very restrictive manner. Visitors coming from the underground garage are automatically guided to the reception area on the ground floor via the elevator so that they can sign in. The other office levels and management board floor can only be accessed by

employees with the appropriate authorization for the respective room and time. The procedure is simple, but effective: The employee initially identifies himself/herself at the fingerprint terminal and then enters the corresponding floor. If the person is authorized, the elevator takes him/her up to the requested floor, otherwise only up to the ground floor. As the terminals are video-monitored, the respective person is collected if he or she does not have the necessary authorization. On small screens in the secretariats, the employees can see who wants access and can open the doors if necessary. The biometrics system was initially received with mixed feelings by the employees. Many considered it to be modern and appropriate right from the start but there were a few colleagues who had reservations about the fingerprint. However, the doubts have now been allayed in the day-to-day operation of the system.

