

## Presentation of the Nicolaus August Otto Award 2021

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Greeting speech

by Dr. Frank Hiller, Chairman of the Board of Management, DEUTZ AG

“Minister,  
Professor Kaysser-Pyzalla,  
ladies and gentlemen,

I am delighted to welcome you to this year’s Nicolaus August Otto Award. All the more so after the restrictions of the pandemic!

Now in its third year, DEUTZ AG’s Nicolaus August Otto Award is presented in recognition of innovative achievements and pioneering spirit. This year, we are honoring a person whose research activities really are out of this world: Professor Anke Kaysser-Pyzalla, Chair of the Executive Board of the German Aerospace Center. (*Toward the awardee*) A warm welcome to you!

Nicolaus August Otto, the founder of our Company, quite literally set the world in motion with his engine. Because he took a risk, because he did something new, because he was successful. Inventiveness is essential to progress, which is why the Company has always looked ahead during its more than 150-year history. We conduct research, we develop, and we test. Sometimes we have to learn from our mistakes. And we do learn. Every single day.

For us, innovation means ensuring our Company is equipped for the future. The DEUTZ brand is synonymous with efficient and sustainable drive systems that meet the highest emissions standards. Whether diesel, gas, electric, or hydrogen, we are reinventing the engine. Every single day. We want to help our customers on the road toward more sustainable transportation.

What progress means, what impact it can have, and what demands it can place on us is perfectly demonstrated by two recent examples. 2021 has been another year of upheaval as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, which has maintained its grip on us for a second year. We are fighting it with vaccines, one of which was mainly developed in Germany. And on July 14, the European Commission

unveiled its Green Deal, which aims to make Europe the first carbon-neutral continent by 2050. An ambitious goal, but one that I firmly believe we will be able to achieve together.

Policymakers need to provide the necessary framework if we are to become carbon-neutral. But more essential than that is having the courage to change. In government, in society, and, more importantly, in business. DEUTZ is a pioneer of carbon-neutral drive systems for off-highway applications. Following the success of our electrification strategy, we are now taking the next step with hydrogen drives. This represents an important milestone that will help us to make our contribution to achieving the Paris climate goals. And it is another important milestone for our Company's research and development team.

To ensure that change is more than just an upheaval and has a positive impact, we have to let go of what now belongs in the past. We have to be open to new ideas and have the drive not just to innovate but to put our innovations into practice. Ultimately, it is ideas that will shape the future. By presenting the Nicolaus August Otto Award, we want to encourage and reward precisely this spirit of invention.

The #neuland conference addresses the issues that are also a priority for DEUTZ and thus provides the perfect setting in which to present our innovation award. Innovation thrives when we can make connections in person– as we are with you today. Sharing ideas and points of view. Engaging in dialog and discussions that open up new perspectives and without which progress would not be possible. To change our world together, we need courage, passion, and innovation.

Which is why we look to support others in moving things forward. Toward a better tomorrow. This year's Nicolaus August Otto Award honors someone for whom hybrid rocket engines, quantum computing, and carbon-neutral flight are part of day-to-day business: Professor Anke Kaysser-Pyzalla. Under her guidance, the German Aerospace Center conducts basic and applied research in a wide range of fields. Innovation is the order of the day here.

I would now like to welcome you, Minister (*toward Mr. Wüst*), onto the stage for the commendation speech for this year's winner of the Nicolaus August Otto Award.

Many thanks!"