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## **Award-winning: Messer improves its safety worldwide**

**Messer, the largest privately managed industrial gases specialist, improved its work safety worldwide in 2017. The number of industrial accidents reported with loss of working hours fell sharply from 25 (in 2016) to 15. The company recently received six safety awards for exemplary work safety from the European Industrial Gases Association.**

The European Industrial Gases Association (EIGA) has given awards to Messer's national subsidiaries in the Czech Republic, Serbia, Hungary and France in recognition of their work safety. The company in the Czech Republic was honoured with the Gold Two Star Safety Award for two million hours worked with zero industrial accidents. Messer in Serbia received the Gold Safety Award for 15 years of accident-free operations. Messer in Hungary achieved 500,000 accident-free working hours, for which it received the Silver Safety Award. Messer's entities in France and Serbia were each honoured in the Bronze category for five years with zero loss of working hours. In addition, Messer in Hungary was honoured for the lowest accident rate in the "Cylinder Vehicles" category.

## **Improved safety worldwide in 2017**

In 2017, the number of industrial accidents reported with loss of working hours fell sharply at Messer from 25 (2016) to 15. The rate of loss of employee working time per million hours worked (accident frequency rate) fell by 1 to 1.4. The number of employee working days lost (industrial accident severity rate) per million hours worked also fell in 2017, from 77.9 to 45.4. In 2017, there were 37 reportable industrial accidents, compared to 88 in the previous year.

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