

## PRESS RELEASE

### **Fensterbau Frontale – June date takes place without the Gütegemeinschaft and the European system houses**

*Bonn: 19 March 2020 – The European Association for PVC Window Profile and related Building Products (EPPA), the RAL Quality Assurance Association for PVC Window Profile Systems (Gütegemeinschaft Kunststoff-Fensterprofilsysteme) as co-exhibitor and their members cancel their participation in this June's Fensterbau Frontale. The major players in the European PVC profile market agree that the current COVID 19 crisis does not allow for such an event.*

On Monday, 9 March 2020, the exhibition management informed the PVC window profile industry that Fensterbau Frontale will be postponed to 16-19 June 2020. The reason for the postponement is the current corona crisis, which affects not only Germany but the whole world.

The decision of the leading European trade fair for windows and doors affects our industry in a special way. For this reason, the industry has been intensively occupied in recent days with the current situation and the possible effects of the COVID 19 pandemic. "Since it is to be expected that the peak of the spread is still ahead of us, it is completely uncertain whether the alternative date in June can be kept at all", explains Gerald Feigenbutz, Managing Director of the Gütegemeinschaft. However, the Gütegemeinschaft would support the search for an alternative date at a later date.

#### Cancellation of participation in the Fensterbau Frontale in June 2020

These considerations and their results allow only one conclusion: the cancellation of the participation in the fair. This means that EPPA and the Gütegemeinschaft as co-exhibitor will not be able to take advantage of the alternative date in June 2020 in Nuremberg either. "The tense situation makes the June date very unlikely, so a new alternative date should be found in the more distant future," emphasizes Charlotte Röber, Managing Director of EPPA.

#### Industry remains operational

Despite the cancellation of events and meetings, the industry remains operational. Thanks to digitalisation and dynamic teams, EPPA, Qualitätsverband Kunststoffherzeugnisse and Gütegemeinschaft are always available and operate via e-mail, telephone and video connections.

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**About us**

The **RAL Gütegemeinschaft Kunststoff-Fensterprofilsysteme e.V.** (Quality Association for PVC Window Profile Systems) (GKFP) awards the RAL Quality Mark to member companies that fulfil the rules of the RAL-GZ 716 quality and test specifications. The aim is to comply with the highest quality requirements in order to ensure that the products manufactured are suitable for long-term use. The members of the association consist of system houses, manufacturers of seals, raw materials, foils, adhesive systems, seals and machines as well as contract laminators.