**Compliance**

We explicitly do not expect that this invitation will lead to any preference being given to our products or services. The invitation is made and costs are covered independently of any commercial transaction and procurement decisions. We have paid the income tax that is incurred in respect of this invitation for you as a lump sum (Section 37b of the German Income Tax Act). If you are a public official or a person with special public service obligations, we must issue this invitation subject to the condition that, within the scope of its powers, the authority which is responsible for granting approval approves your acceptance of this invitation. If approval is not granted, the invitation should be disregarded.