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## Sonepar – new partner of the Fraunhofer-inHaus-Center

**The Fraunhofer-inHaus-Center will be cooperating with the Sonepar Germany GmbH – January 1<sup>st</sup> was the starting point for the major wholesaler in electronics to become an active partner of the inHaus. Sonepar occupies an important position in the field of smart home technology.**

“We are very happy to win a strong and reliable partner as Sonepar for the inHaus, furthermore I am sure the partnership is a clear added value for all parties involved”, explains Wolfgang Gröting, head of the inHaus-Center, with great enthusiasm.

As a partner Sonepar is mainly involved in the technology and market segment of electronics and sanitation systems. This is the reason why Sonepar will also play an important role in restructuring and remodeling the Smart Home which is a part of the InHaus Center. “From now on we also want to focus on age-appropriate living in our smart home section. As market leader in the field of B2B-Electronics Sonepar is provided with a great number of contacts and possibilities. On the other hand we offer an extraordinary expertise in the technology sector as well as a network of industry and research. We are looking forward to a close and successful cooperation”, says Wolfgang Gröting.

Sonepar is also convinced of the mutual benefits of this partnership: “As individual smart solutions are becoming more and more important Fraunhofer is already offering excellent circumstances for the further development and smart innovations”, explains Helmut Bienen-Scholt, regional manager of Sonepar. “Now we are the ideal complement because of our extensive practical knowledge in the field of networked building technology. Together we will work on new technology and application possibilities as well as energy efficient solutions for intelligent buildings.”

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The contract of partnership is effective since 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2019 and is set for 5 years.

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**Sonepar - the company**

Sonepar Germany is part of the family business Sonepar Group, with its head office located in France. Focusing on sales of leading national and international electronic suppliers to numerous customers from trade and industry Sonepar has 2800 branches in 44 Countries worldwide and employs more than 43.000 people. More information about Sonepar Germany is available at: [www.sonepar.de](http://www.sonepar.de)

**Fraunhofer-inHaus-Center**

The Fraunhofer-inHaus-Center in Duisburg works with several Fraunhofer institutes and many economic partners on the development of innovative products and systems. In the main focus are always humans and their needs. Innovative systems and products are being developed, tested and demonstrated in the creative think tank with cooperative research and development work in practical application laboratories.

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inHaus manager Wolfgang Gröting is looking forward to a fruitful cooperation with Sonepar Deutschland.

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