

NAGER IT

Faire Computermäuse



Dear followers, sponsors, and detractors!

As Christmas is almost upon us, the end of an eventful year is near. It is about time for this newsletter (which actually was supposed to be sent out in July, but Christmas seemed to us as a more reasonable event than summer, and there is always so much to tell). Enjoy the reading, and: We wish you a peaceful Advent and Merry Christmas!

News about fairness issues:

Our efforts are spreading:

We told you before that our partner workshop Retex which manufactures our mice does not only use the fair recycling solder wire by Fairlötet for our order. Retex also uses it for other works in its business whenever this wire is technically suited.

Retex took a further step recently: Also, when working with soldering paste, the company uses a more sustainable option: the Fair-Tin products by Stannol. While the tin is not recycled but it comes from a mine which is considered progressive in terms of sustainable tin extraction: the mine San Rafael in Peru, run by Minsur.

As this tin does not appear in our own supply chain, we have not formed a final opinion on how FAIR this mine actually is. But we are glad to see Retex having taken this step, as this mine attaches more importance to human rights and environmental issues.

2020: Are fair cables coming true?

After years of giving efforts, the time has (hopefully) come in 2020: Our cable will make a big step towards more fairness. Our new partner GSN offers really good working conditions to its workers in China. As for raw materials, we are still dependent on conventional (unfair) resources. It will take more convincing and new ideas to change that. Still, GSN is willing to use Fair-Tin for its business. This is the first step in the right direction.

Supply chain transparency

Earlier this year, we sent out a questionnaire to our component suppliers about their social and ecological sustainability. Seven out of eleven suppliers answered to it and provided further insights into the everyday production.

For our suppliers it goes without saying to comply with the ILO Core Labour Standards in their own business. Furthermore, many of them demand their sub-suppliers to comply these standards. But controls in the raw materials segment in particular remain difficult.

We are glad to see that another component supplier is using mainly recycled soldering tin. The tin of our capacitor is „free of conflicts“ at least. In 2020, you will find the complete evaluation on our website.

News from our education work

Workshop highlights

As a result of a good funding amount (UBA) we could run a particularly large number of great workshops this year.

One of the highlights was the workshop at the University of Ulm. We gave some theoretical input into social challenges in the IT production and soldered 110 fair mice with the same number of freshmen (Electrical Engineering) who are now using these mice. Furthermore, the University will give away another 100 fair mice to visitors and lecturers in the period to come. In so doing, the message of a fair IT will be spread out to other cities and countries.

At the Carl Orff School in Munich we could „enlighten“ a whole grade: in several workshops, more than 150 seventh grader immersed into the electronic industry. All the other pupils of this fairtrade school are now using our Nager IT mouse in their new „fair computer room“ and can get more information in the exhibition in the hall. This is what we call a comprehensive education which can be an example for others.

A toolbox for multipliers

We want to enable other supporters of the fair mouse to run workshops about fair electronic. Therefore, we developed a suitable toolbox as part of our education project. Over the last 1,5 years, our consultants developed it, successfully tested it and refined it at several multiplier workshops.

The established guideline offers comprehensive background information on the subject, as well as detailed explanations about individual methods and suggestions how these can be combined in a workshop. In addition, the toolbox contains materials needed, like a mouse, screw-on type, ores, materials for editorial work etc.

In future, the toolbox can be borrowed, for example, at the Nord Süd Forum München. We also have a few toolboxes that may be obtained from our head base (please feel free to contact us, if you are interested). On our website you can also find all documents and templates needed in case you want to compile the box yourself at home.

Last but not least a little bit of

Self-adulation

In the last months we were shown on Television:

In June, the **ZDF** reported about our mouse in its programme „plan b“. It was part of a report about sustainable public procurement in municipalities.

plan b: www.zdf.de/gesellschaft/plan-b/plan-b-kommune-mit-koepfchen-102.html

(the section about the mouse begins at minute 19:38, but it is worth it to watch the whole programme)

The **BR** (Bavarian Broadcast) gave us some transmission time in „Mehr/Wert“. Together we visited both our printed circuit board producer and the workshop in Regensburg where our mice are assembled, as well as the trade fair productronica in Munich.

mehr/wert: www.br.de/br-fernsehen/programmkalender/ausstrahlung-1954404.html

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