

## **Silica's Soccer Team Takes German Bundesliga by Storm**

Silica's winning streak for sponsoring youth sports champions continued last month when the 1.FC Ersingen youth soccer team had the chance to be the player escort at the beginning of the German Bundesliga soccer match between Karlsruher SC [soccer club] and 1. FC Köln [football club]. Outfitted in Silica uniforms and coached by Wolfgang Heumann, a field sales engineer in Silica's Stuttgart office, the team of nine- and ten-year-old boys was thrilled to be part of the German Bundesliga, the highest level event in Germany's soccer league system.

In a sold-out stadium, 30,500 fans gave a thundering applause to the big and little soccer players walking onto the field hand in hand. Before the match started, the children from the 1.FC Ersingen team met the Karlsruher Sport Club mascot "Willi Wildpark" and one of the players, Maik Franz, for a photo shoot.

Although this is the first year Silica provided uniforms for the team, it is Heumann's fifth year coaching them. The team – which includes Heumann's sons – trains for two hours every Wednesday and Friday. Congratulations to the team!