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Klaus-Peter Eickhoff is the Head of the Product Line Renewable Resources of GEA in the Business Area Equipment, Product Group Separation. To the most important activities in this department belong customized centrifuges as well as complete process lines for the recovery and refining of oils and fats.

He started in GEA Westfalia Separator in 1979 as a design engineer for specialized separators for edible oil refining. Later he became the project manager for complete processing lines for degumming, neutralization and dewaxing. In 1995 he assumed responsibility for the complete spectrum of the edible oil business, from process development, to sales and project execution, at first for edible oil and biodiesel, later also for proteins, starch and industrial biotechnology.

He is a mechanical engineer, is author of numerous articles and papers about edible oil refining and biodiesel production and has several patents in centrifuge designs. In 2016 he received the European Lipid Technology Award for his contribution to the progress of oils and fats processing technologies, especially in the area of separation technologies.