



Press Release

Change in technical management at Bekum

Traismauer [13.02.2023]: Stefan Lehner-Dittenberger succeeds Dr. Wilfried Lehmann, who is retiring, as Technical Manager.

Dr. Wilfried Lehmann was Technical Manager at Bekum in Berlin for more than 10 years. The management would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Lehmann for his outstanding achievements and wish him all the best for the future.

Stefan Lehner-Dittenberger has already taken over as Technical Director on 01.12.2022. Lehner-Dittenberger is a trained mechanical engineer at the Vienna University of Technology and was responsible for the technical design and order processing of board and packaging paper machines in his previous long-standing position as head of design at Voith Paper. He has been with Bekum since 01.03.2020 as head of design for large blow moulding machines and automation technology in Traismauer, Austria, and brings with him a high level of management and design experience. In his new position, he is now also responsible for the design of all blow moulding machines as well as extruders and extrusion heads, designed and manufactured by Bekum. Since the transition of this function was planned for the future, Lehner-Dittenberger was already able to familiarise himself extensively. The new development of the small and large blow moulding machines of the 8 series, which were presented for the first time at the K 2022 trade fair in Düsseldorf, already carries his signature.

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About Bekum ++++++

Pioneer and Trendsetter in Blow Moulding Technology

Founded in Berlin in 1959, Bekum Maschinenfabriken GmbH is one of the world’s leading manufacturers of extrusion blow moulding machines.

Founder Gottfried Mehnert conceived the name Bekum as the acronym (Berliner Kunststoff Maschinen).

The company began to flourish in its founding year with the development of the world’s first neck-rim calibration. Numerous innovations and patents followed, confirming that Bekum, with its innovative and customer-oriented machinery solutions, has always been ahead of its time – and remains so to this day.

When innovative and economical machinery solutions with high productivity for individual packaging requirements of hollow packaging are in demand, then Bekum, with 60 years of experience in blow-moulding technology, is the first choice worldwide.

Product Range and Applications in Food and Non-food



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With future-oriented and reliable production processes and fully electric, as well as hydraulic machinery for the commercial production of blow moulded containers ranging from 5 ml to 3000 l, Bekum offers everything for plastic packaging from one source.

Philosophy of the Company

Building and maintaining long-term relationships with market partners through future-oriented, predictable company policy determine the actions of the first and second generation of the family, represented by Michael Mehnert. This strategy ensures the jobs of dedicated and experienced staff. The preservation of traditional structures, an established network of partners and far-sighted adaptation to change form the basis for continuous development and inspiration for the company in the interest of partners, customers and employees.

Innovation and Technology

Process reliability, availability, efficiency and sophisticated design characterise the high standard of Bekum production lines for blow moulding. Bekum contributes the expertise that has grown based on these references, associated with various patents in blow moulding, to the fulfilment of every customer requirement.

The level of process design is key for process reliability, reproducibility, parts quality and cost-efficiency. A high-quality production line for extrusion blow moulding, consisting of machine, die and automation which is impressive in terms of speed, wear resistance, availability, process reliability and stability alike, is critical for return on investment (ROI) and the level of added value.

Facts and figures

With 18,000 machines delivered and installed worldwide - about half of them still in use - the Bekum Group has achieved by far the largest production of blow moulding machines of any brand.

The Bekum Group serves approximately 100 countries around the world directly or through representatives.

Today, 350 employees work for the Bekum group worldwide at three locations in Europe and in the US (Berlin (Germany), Traismauer (Austria) and Williamston (USA)).

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