

Gabriel-Chemie Austria in its Jubilee Year

Gabriel-Chemie Ges.m.b.H. is celebrating two anniversaries at once this year: 60 years of company existence and 40 years of masterbatch production.

Sixty years have passed since Josef Houska founded a commercial enterprise in Vienna together with a partner.

In March 2010, the founder of the company celebrates his 85th birthday and can look back on a successful life.

An international group of companies evolved from the initial commercial enterprise, which is still independent and in private ownership.

The Gabriel-Chemie Group employs a workforce of almost 500 worldwide and generated a turnover of 72.5 million euros in the last business year, which was influenced by the economic crisis.

Mr. Houska withdrew from operative business operations many years ago and left the management to his daughter, Ms. Elisabeth Sommer (left) and Mr. DI Rodolfo Santa Olalla (right).



Exactly forty years ago the first masterbatches were produced in Vienna.

The technology came from the USA, the know-how from the "staff of the first golden days" and the machines were built under own initiative.

In the meantime, additive, paint and combination masterbatches are being built at the company headquarters in Gumpoldskirchen (picture below) and at five other production locations in Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, the Czech Republic and in Russia, and the company now belongs to the top ten masterbatch manufacturers in Europe.



Two great personalities, who have accompanied the firm along this very successful path and who have decisively formed and influenced Gabriel-Chemie, not only in its corporate culture, but also in its development, celebrate very special birthdays this year:



We warmly congratulate **Mr. Josef Houska**, our founder, on his **85th birthday**, which is coming up on **March 20th, 2010**.

And sincere congratulations also to **Mr. Walter Bühler**, founder of the Gabriel-Chemie Deutschland GmbH, on his **70th birthday**, which he celebrates on **February 1st, 2010**



We wish them both all the best and above all good health and thank them for their trust and our respect for their life's work.



"This success story is well worth celebrating!", the owners declare, and have come up with something very special for the K 2010 coming up in Düsseldorf in October.

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