**From Hagen to the Whole World**

*EBRO ARMATUREN - A Success Story*

Hagen, August 2020 - EBRO ARMATUREN today is one of the world market leaders for the development, production and distribution of industrial valves and automation technology. From its headquarters in Hagen, Westphalia, it supplies customers in more than 100 countries worldwide. Since its foundation in 1972, the company has built up a network of production sites, branches and subsidiaries. With more than 1000 employees worldwide, the company meets the highest demands on quality and efficiency.

**Roots in the Aluminium Foundry**

The company has its roots in Ernst Bröer Aluminium foundry in Hagen-Haspe, which was founded in 1934 by Carl Bröer and his son Ernst Bröer. At the same time, the initial letters of the entrepreneur also gave rise to the trademark EBRO.

After the foundry business was transferred to the brothers Jochen and Peter Bröer in 1960, the first butterfly valves were launched on the German market 10 years later, in 1970. Shortly afterwards, orders followed from neighbouring countries for valves for gas supply in the Netherlands. The success was very soon apparent, so that in 1972 the valve production was separated from the foundry business and Jochen and Peter Bröer founded EBRO ARMATUREN Gebr. Bröer GmbH as an independent production and distribution company.

**Start of Internationalisation**

In 1980 the first branch office was founded in Hamburg. The first orders from the shipbuilding industry followed. In the years 1981-1983 the first international subsidiaries were established in the Netherlands, France and Austria, as well as a legally independent national company in Switzerland.

In 1989, the company expanded its business activities to include actuator technology and began manufacturing pneumatic rotary actuators in Switzerland. In the following year, in-house production of electric actuators started at the headquarters in Hagen.

Right from the start, the highest quality is the measure of all things at EBRO. To make this clear to the outside world, the main plant in Hagen was certified according to ISO 9001 in 1991. In the same year EBRO opened a production facility in Thailand, which also received ISO 9001 certification two years later.

This was followed in 2002 by branches in Australia, Hungary and China, followed by the United Arab Emirates and Chile in 2009 and Peru and Mexico in 2016.

**EBRO Prepares for the Future**

At the beginning of the 21st century the company restructures itself. On the one hand, this can be seen in the relocation of the production and assembly facilities of the so-called "Big Valves" from the Netherlands to the headquarters in Hagen (2001) and the move of the pneumatic actuator production from Switzerland to Italy (2002). On the other hand, the Bröer Group acquired the Swedish knife gate valve manufacturer Stafsjö Bruk AB in 2005. Stafsjö Valves AB remains as an independent company within the Bröer-Group.

The course for the future is also set in the management. After Lydia Bröer, daughter of the previous CEO Peter Bröer, joins the management in 2009, the generational change will be completed in 2012 and Lydia Bröer will become 100% owner of EBRO ARMATUREN.

Peter Bröer remains a member of the management board. In 2020 Markus Schneider, long-time employee and international sales manager, is appointed to the management.

Today, more than ever, the owner-managed family business sees itself as a reliable, future and value-oriented partner for its globally active customers. Customer satisfaction, quality and safety are reflected in the variety of over 350,000 product variants.

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Since the company was founded in 1972, EBRO ARMATUREN has been developing, producing and selling shut-off, control and automation technology for industrial applications. More than 1,000 employees in three national and 30 international subsidiaries ensure that EBRO products are available in over 100 countries worldwide. Within the global network, production takes place at the headquarters in Germany and in Italy, Sweden, China and Thailand with uniformly high manufacturing and quality standards. In 2005 the Swedish manufacturer Stafsjö Valves AB was acquired and the product range was extended by an extensive portfolio of knife gate valves.

The owner-managed family business sees itself as a reliable, future and value-oriented partner for its more than 35,000 customers worldwide: Customer satisfaction, quality and safety are reflected in the variety of more than 350,000 product variants, which are manufactured with high precision technology and distributed with fast delivery performance for customers all over the world. For EBRO, it is a matter of course that, in addition to high-quality industrial valves, the corresponding drive and automation technology is also tailored as a complete unit precisely to the specific application and its requirements. This offers the customer further synergy effects in planning support, technical advice and documentation. EBRO has established itself in the market worldwide with innovative solutions, especially for demanding applications and sectors such as the chemical and pharmaceutical industry, food and beverage industry and seawater desalination.