

## Allweiler's Bottrop plant turns 50

**(Radolfzell/Bottrop) In 2009 Allweiler AG's plant in Bottrop, Germany will celebrate its 50th birthday. This plant specializes in manufacturing progressing cavity pumps and peristaltic pumps, which are used primarily for handling water and wastewater; various applications in the chemical, pharmaceutical, and cosmetics industries; and in food and beverage production. Throughout the year of celebrations, Allweiler plans to launch an explosion of ideas, products, innovative services, and consulting options. The Achema trade fair in Frankfurt (hall 8.0, booth R17) will be the first opportunity for Allweiler customers to evaluate the new offerings.**

The Bottrop plant received its first order in April 1959 from Mannheim-based "Rheinische Chinaefuhr" for a pump capable of moving honey. As the Germany economy boomed in the late 1950s, the food, process, and disposal industries demanded large numbers of specialized pumps for viscous liquids. This sparked the rapid development of progressing cavity pumps. Allweiler now delivers 10,000 of these units every year to customers located all over the world. Even today, Bottrop still focuses on pumps that move particularly viscous liquids, including those with sensitive components that may not be damaged during pumping. Highly precise proportioning pumps are another area of specialty.

Allweiler's plant in Bottrop manufactures its products according to standards that far exceed DIN ISO 9001 certification. This extraordinary level of quality is particularly valued for applications where unpleasant surprises could have expensive consequences. Dr. Ernst Raphael, director of the Bottrop plant, explains it like this: "The reliability of our pumps is the result of a production system that - like the automotive industry - aims for zero defects. When asked to evaluate our products, our customers regularly give our pumps the highest possible scores."

During 2009, Bottrop will celebrate its anniversary with an explosion of new ideas. Customers can look forward to new products, but especially to innovative services and consulting options. For example, Allweiler plans to expand its trial pump program. Service consultants will offer their customers optimization analyses. Customers can also take advantage of the Check Book program to add up to five additional years to their warranty, an exchange program, and much more. According to Dr. Michael Matros, Chairman of Allweiler AG, during the opening celebrations: "We are proud of our Bottrop location for its continuous development. The process-optimizing investments of the past few years and the experience of our technical staff make us well-prepared to serve global markets."

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