

New Production Plant to Cater for ebalta Expansion

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ebalta celebrated the inauguration of a new production plant on February 18, 2009, on the anniversary of its 35th year of business at the company headquarters, located in Rothenberg, Germany. The new 2,000^m² premises were officially opened by the general management team, supported by over 100 members of staff, as well as local politicians and key guests from regional business federations.

The new production line has been specifically built for the manufacture of eblock materials. These are custom made, cast to size, jointless blocks of either polyurethane or epoxy materials castable in thick sections. The seamless moulds require no post processing, shorten milling times, reduce waste and provide customers with both an economical and highly efficient solution for producing patterns and models.



The newly launched, high performance eblock EP 138 is reportedly the first epoxy cast to size material on the market. It can be cast close to contour in volumes up to 600l and up to 250mm in thickness. It has a dimensional stability of up to 140°C with a coefficient of linear expansion of $\sim 35 \times 10^{-6} K^{-1}$ and is manufactured in the new production hall.

The addition of this new production plant is in line with ebalta's focus on further growth and increased investments in product development and manufacturing. It brings the overall manufacturing facility to seven production plants for the manufacture of specialised tooling materials for mould and tool making, design, foundry, rapid prototyping and composite applications.

In 1974 when ebalta was founded, the company started out with just five people and one small production plant, but 35 years on, driven by the spirit of innovation, dedicated to customer service and managed by the second generation of founders, ebalta is celebrating an illustrious past and looking forward to an exciting future.

The company's general management had good reason to celebrate this special occasion. "We are happy to say that 2008 was a fantastic business year for ebalta," explained Andre Neutzler, Managing Director of ebalta GmbH. "And we expect further growth in our business during the second half of 2009."

The difficult economic climate experienced during the past few months will force industry leaders to develop new products and 90% of ebalta's customers work in the field of development".

In agreement with his two co-partners, Thiemo and Boris Langer, Andre Neutzler further commented, "The company is well prepared for the future. High quality materials and an excellent technical service formed ebalta's success in the past and that's what we will keep adhering to."