

Message from the board

Dear Readers,

At the beginning of this year, two risks occurred that had been a concern to BMA for some time: an arbitration tribunal in the United States ruled that BMA would have to pay a substantial sum of money; and BMA Nederland's lack of success despite all our efforts ultimately led to its failure.

For both cases we have now, with the kind assistance of our partners, found sustainable solutions. We would like to thank all those who have helped and contributed to this with their actions and commitment, by maintaining their long-standing collaboration, or with their words of support. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts – we have great confidence in our future! This year's BMA Information is an anniversary edition – it is issue no. 50!

BMA Information was first published in November 1963, and in every number since then we have reported on new developments and interesting projects, as well as sharing our experiences with you. Issue no. 50 certainly continues this tradition.

In it, we proudly present to you the E1810, the first machine in BMA's latest generation of batch-type centrifugals. As with all our innovations, the development focus was particularly on improving safety, efficiency and economy. Successful tests of the many new features in the E series during practical operation at the Plattling sugar factory have shown that we are indeed moving in the right direction. The Plattling sugar factory is, in fact, so delighted with the E1810 that it has not just kept the prototype but also ordered another four machines of the same type.

In a guest editorial, Chris Rhoten of The Amalgamated Sugar Co. (TASCO) reports on the positive collaboration with BMA as the supplier of all the major equipment ordered as part of an investment programme. With this programme, TASCO expects to improve energy efficiency and sugar-end operation at all its sites. Chris Rhoten is the Process Technology Manager at TASCO, a sugar producer with three sugar factories in the West of the United States.

So as you can see, we are still passionate about our research and development work, committed to finding solutions to your technical issues. But in line with our vision "Passion for Progress", we also endeavour to develop our own structures further. The BMA Group continues to grow: since September 2011, BMA Russia based at Voronezh has been providing customer care, spare parts and consulting to clients in Russia and its neighbouring countries. And the Brazilian market is now served by BMA Brasil Equipamentos Industriais Ltda., founded in São Paulo in September 2011.

Finding solutions to your issues and queries that will delight you – that is the standard we have set ourselves. Whenever you need us, we are at your service!

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