

GRAFE COLOR BATCH GmbH

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Ownership: Grafe Group



GRAFE Advanced Polymers GmbH is the holding company of the Grafe Group that includes a color masterbatch producer GRAFE Color Batch GmbH, an additives producer GRAFE Additive Batch GmbH and a compounder GRAFE Polymer Technik GmbH. The masterbatch business was started in the 1990s by members of the family who had originally started Constab. The focus of the company has initially been on colour products where it has been one of the fastest growing masterbatch suppliers in the German market.

The company moved to a new factory in 1995 and added a new building at the same site in 2002. From 2003 up to 2006 the capacity was rapidly increased. The growth of GRAFE Group has also led to an expansion of its overall activities with the production of additive as well as colour products.

Financial results

Units: EUR millions	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Turnover	16	18	21	25	28
PBT	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
% of sales in masterbatch	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Product line

Gabriel Chemie has a full product range of masterbatches marketed under the MAXITHEN® trade name for standard series and UNIMAX® trade name for universal series. The group focuses on special segments of the plastics industry which are developed by five Product Management Group: Food Packaging, Cosmetics Packaging, Agricultural & Construction, Lifestyle and New Developments.

Another area of expertise lies in the combination of additive/colour and additive/additive masterbatches, designed to meet individual customer requirements. The areas of use are diverse, covering nearly all aspects of plastics processing such as injection moulding, blow moulding and extrusion including films, fibre, tape, foam, sheet and profile etc.

Masterbatch production 2006

Units: Tonnes	Black	White	Colour	Additive	Total
Weitnau, Germany			2,000		2,000
Paddock Wood, Kent, UK		200	1,200	200	1,600
Gumpoldskirchen, Austria		3,600	5,200	5,400	14,200
Lazne Bohdanec, Czech Republic			400		400
Nyiregyhaza, Hungary			300		300
TOTAL		3,800	9,100	5,600	18,500

Manufacturing capabilities

All Gabriel-Chemie plants are very well equipped with twin screw extruders, single screw extruders and batch mixers.

Non-European operations

There are no further production facilities outside Europe.

Key personnel

Name	Title
E.Sommer	Managing Director
R. Santa Olalla	Managing Director
T. Iliev	Export Manager
A. Hinterberger	Sales Manager Europe
E. Jakel	Sales Manager Domestic
E. Guttman	Supply Chain Manager