



Municipal wastewater treatment plant in Jabel Ali, Dubai (top); industrial wastewater treatment plant InBev Belgium (bottom)

## »WATER NEEDS RESPONSIBILITY.«

Company motto



INVENT Umwelt- und Verfahrenstechnik AG on the Internet

## INVENT

INVENT Umwelt- und Verfahrenstechnik AG, based in Erlangen, specialises in developing and manufacturing mixing and aeration systems for wastewater treatment plants. The company is a market leader in mixing technology. Both industrial and municipal wastewater treatment plants use systems from INVENT. The customers include Berlin Wasserbetriebe, the City of New York, the Viennese wastewater management as well as the wastewater treatment plants of Washington and Dubai. The company is a spin-off from the Chair of Fluid Mechanics at the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, where the first HYPERBOLOID mixer was developed in 1990. In 1995, INVENT GmbH was spun off from the institute and converted into a public limited company in 2003.

Since then the company has steadily grown and had a total of 76 employees, including 63 at its headquarters in Erlangen-Eltersdorf, in 2012. The other employees work at the branches in Italy, Dubai, Australia, the USA and Sweden. Together, they generated an annual turnover of 14.5 million euros, 80% of which came from exports. The company continues to collaborate with the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg and invests 2% of its turnover in research and development. INVENT Umwelt- und Verfahrenstechnik AG has more than 50 patents. A major focus of research is on mixers; self-designed and developed agitators already enable energy savings of up to 30% today. In 2012, INVENT received the SME Award from the state of Bavaria. The family enterprise is



The INVENT HYPERCLASSIC® mixer is the ideal mixer for all suspension and homogenisation operations in water and wastewater treatment.

## MILESTONES

**1990** As a spin-off of the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, the first HYPERBOLOID mixers are produced and sold.

**1995** INVENT Umwelt- und Verfahrenstechnik GmbH is founded.

**2003** The company is converted into a public limited company.

**2004** The American subsidiary INVENT Environmental Technologies Inc. is formed.

**2008/2009** A new headquarters is built in Erlangen-Eltersdorf.

**2009** A subsidiary is founded in Australia: INVENT Pacific Ltd.

**2011** The company develops new markets with INVENT Middle East FZCo in Dubai.

**2012** INVENT receives the Bavarian SME Award 2012.

managed by the founder and Managing Partner Dr.-Ing. Marcus Höfken.

## FACTS AND FIGURES

**Industry:** environmental and process technology

**Products:** mixing and aeration systems for wastewater treatment plants

**Customer industries:** municipal and industrial wastewater treatment plants

**Market position:** market leader in mixing and aeration

**Turnover:** 14.5m euros

**Employees:** 76 (2012)

**Export ratio:** 80%

**Engineer ratio:** 42.6%

**Management:** managed by the founder and Managing Partner Dr.-Ing. Marcus Höfken

**Member of VDMA since:** 2004

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