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The Klepsch Group mourns the loss of Wilhelm Klepsch

KR Dipl.-Ing. Wilhelm Klepsch, founder of the plastics processing company Senoplast in Piesendorf (Salzburg), passed away on 24 February at the age of 85. The well-known Salzburg entrepreneur was born on 20 July 1938 in Aussig in the Sudetenland and fled to Austria with his family after the Second World War. At the age of 18, he founded the family business Senoplast and subsequently numerous other companies, including Senova, Seletec, Seno Spezialmaschinen and Senosan. Wilhelm Klepsch was managing partner of Senoplast Klepsch & Co. GmbH as well as managing director of other companies in the Klepsch Group. In 2013, Wilhelm Klepsch handed over the management of Senoplast to his son Günter Klepsch and retired as chairman of the supervisory board. He remained active until the end as Managing Director of Zell Metall in Kaprun, a company founded by his father Rudolf Klepsch senior in 1949, until the end. Wilhelm Klepsch was a visionary and forward-thinker who recognised the potential of the new material plastic at an early stage and built up a group of companies operating successfully in this field worldwide.

Numerous awards

As well as being a successful entrepreneur, Wilhelm Klepsch was also politically active, serving as deputy mayor of Kaprun, chairman of the industrial section of the municipal council, a member of the economic parliament and a board member of the FCIO. He received numerous awards for his efforts, including the Silver Decoration of Honour of the Province of Salzburg, the Ring of Honour of the Municipalities of Kaprun and Piesendorf, the Grand Decoration of Honour for Services to the Republic of Austria, the Golden Medal of Honour of the Salzburg Chamber of Commerce, and the Salzburg Business Award Wikarus for Lifetime Achievement.

Sustainability as a company philosophy

Wilhelm Klepsch founded Senoplast with the idea of collecting and recycling plastic waste. Under the leadership of this committed entrepreneur, Senoplast has developed over the years from a simple production company to a global player in the field of co-extruded sheets and films. The other companies in the global Klepsch Group are also active in the plastics sector.

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About Senoplast & Senosan

Senoplast Klepsch & Co. GmbH focuses on the production of coextruded plastic sheets and films for thermoforming. The field of application ranges from vehicle construction to travel cases, the sanitary and refrigerator industry and the furniture industry. In order to gear the production of high-gloss films specifically to the furniture industry, Senosan GmbH was founded in 2011, whose goods are also marketed under the senosan® brand. Around 60,000 tons of senosan® products per year are shipped from the main site in Piesendorf/Austria and the production facilities in Querétaro/Mexico and Suzhou/China to around 60 countries.

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