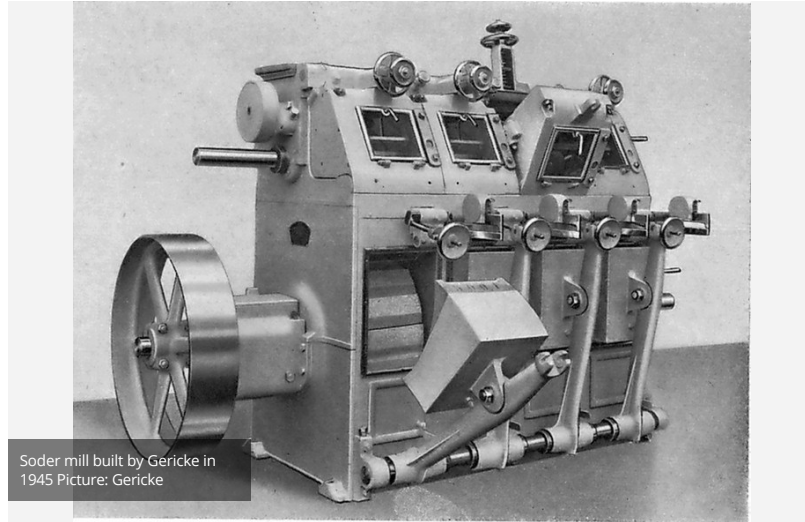


Company anniversary

## Gericke celebrates 125th birthday



Soder mill built by Gericke in 1945 Picture: Gericke

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In the year 1894 Walther H. Gericke started his machine factory and mill construction company in Zurich. The engineer quickly gained an excellent reputation as a specialist and supplier of milling equipment. He sold roller mills of the prestigious company Seck from Dresden. Other important process steps included grain cleaning, storageing, conveying, sifting and mixing of grain and flour. At the beginning of the 20th century Gericke designed the first vertical mixers and celebrated great success with the patented Soder mill. In the 1940s, pneumatic conveying systems, vibrating feeders and steel belt conveyors for the chocolate industry followed. During this time, Otto and Walter Gericke managed the prospering family business. From the 1960s onwards, Dr. Hermann Gericke and Willi Gericke pushed the internationalisation of business. The focus also remained on new technologies, with the introduction of less common machine types in Europe via licence agreements with US companies. These included differential weigh feeders, bag compactors and continuous granulators.

Today, Markus Gericke is the fourth generation to head the group. The company's engineering and plant construction expertise has since been expanded to include new locations in Asia, North and South America. The Gericke Group employs more than 300 people worldwide. Gericke's traditional customers include the chemical and food industries.