

DAHLEM - A Success Story

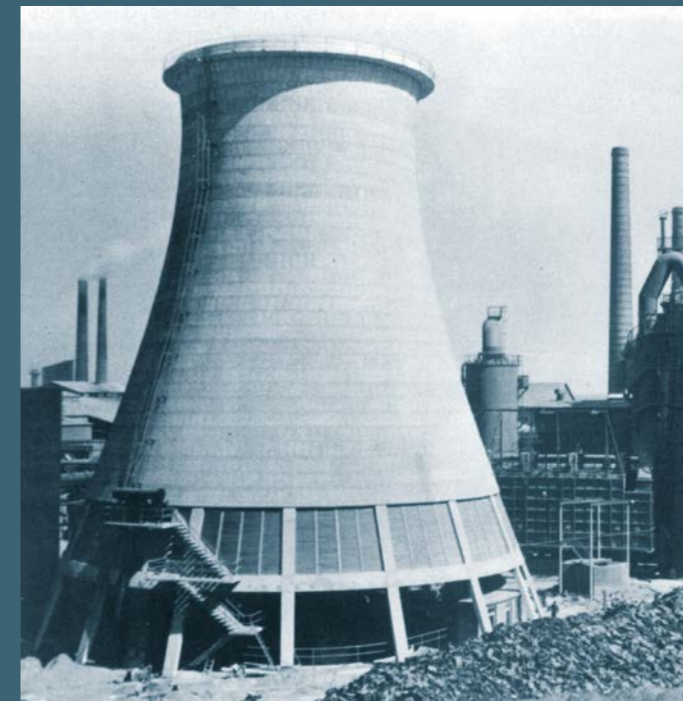
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Waste Water Treatment Plant
Essen-Rellinghausen, the first
operational German waste water
treatment plant using the activated
sludge process



Company founder
Hans Dahlem

Metal steel fabrication plant Lübeck,
cooling tower



WWTP Münster,
Digester in segmental construction

1904 - 1937

Flowing water in the bathroom is unknown

Company founder Hans Dahlem was born in 1904 in the „Wilhelmine Age“, in which the powerful corporations like Krupp and Thyssen promote the development of technology. After a training as a surveyor, he studies in the State Construction School of Essen and graduates as a civil engineer. Fascinated by the municipal water management, which at the time of his training is still young, he begins his career in the 30s working for the Ruhr Association (Ruhrverband) in Essen. Here he has the unique opportunity inter alia to contribute to the design of the first biological treatment plant of Essen- Rellinghausen.

Complicated political conditions make the work at the Ruhr Association increasingly difficult. With the help of Dr. Karl Imhoff in 1937 he founds his own office for municipal and industrial water management.

1954

Football Germany celebrates the heroes of Bern

At this time 13 engineers, 9 draftsmen, 4 commercial staff and a „pen“ work at the engineering company DAHLEM. With the economic growth, the engineering company expands its activity beyond the field of municipal water management.

Companies in the iron and steel industry and the coal mining are converted to water circuits. The engineering company designs biological treatment plants for coking plants, synthetic resin plants and plants for the petrochemical industry. The fields of activity expand to include surveying and distance pipeline construction. An increased demand for design at home and abroad leads to a spatial expansion of the activities through branch and partner offices; cooperation with the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg has been in place already since 1940.

1969

Neil Armstrong is the first man to set foot on the moon

The new company location at Annastrasse in Essen remains for 26 years the corporate headquarters of the engineering company DAHLEM. Further fields of activity such as hydraulic engineering, water and waste management, as well as structural design and road engineering, come in addition. The cooperation with Luxembourg intensifies. The Luxembourg Government entrusts DAHLEM with the solution of many waste water problems in both the municipal area and throughout the country.

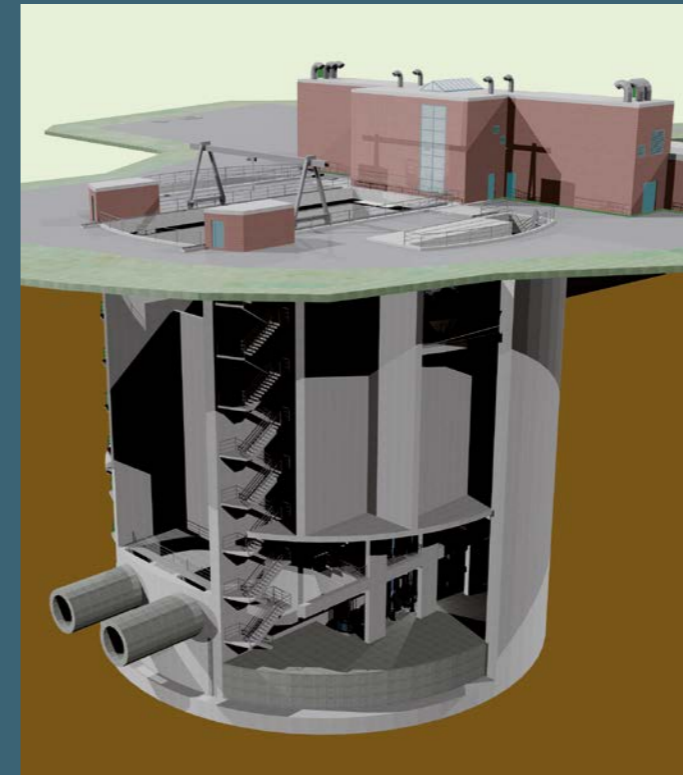
In Germany the economy is stimulated by numerous investment programs, especially in the areas of municipal water management. DAHLEM designs a number of waste water treatment plants, among others in Paderborn, Rhede, Münster and Lengerich.



Dr.-Ing. Hans Dahlem joins the company



The engineering company DAHLEM moves into its own premises



Emscher conversion:
Pumping station Bottrop



A solid foundation ensures the success of the company Owner Dr.-Ing. Hans Dahlem and his son Gregor Dahlem

1978

The last „VW Beetle“ produced in the Federal Republic of Germany leaves the band

The engineering company DAHLEM is strengthening: the „Junior“ comes. Under his leadership, the company continues to expand. True to the motto „we are where our projects are“, additional branch offices are established. The number of employees has grown to 60 and the fields of activity expand to the entire technical equipment and technical and economic controlling.

1995

Christo wraps the Reichstag in Berlin

After more than a year of construction, the engineering company moves into its own premises in Essen. Since the early 70s DAHLEM has been working increasingly abroad. Projects in Africa and Latin America are implemented on behalf of the World Health Organization and the World Bank.

DAHLEM works in East European countries, in the Middle East and in Asia. Federal President Rau opens Al-Bireh Waste Water Treatment Plant designed by DAHLEM - the first modern biological waste water treatment plant in Palestine.

2012

75th anniversary of DAHLEM

To date, the engineering company DAHLEM is an owner-managed company operating internationally. The company and its associated offices involve well over 200 employees working for national and international projects. Here experience from a variety of municipal and industrial water management, as well as hydraulic engineering projects, are combined. The international projects are coordinated from both the German offices as well as from the offices in Thailand, Montenegro, Albania, Bulgaria and Luxembourg.

In Germany, we are actively involved in the Emscher conversion generation project and have been supporting this endeavour since the end of the 90s, through both design and construction management.

With the construction of waste water treatment plants, sewers, pumping stations, storm water treatment plants and the transformation of water bodies, here a demanding construction project of Emschergenossenschaft is in progress up to the year 2015.