

GROHMANN ENGINEERING GMBH



€2.1mn
INVESTMENT
OF DBAG

EXPANSION
CAPITAL INVESTMENT
TYPE OF INVESTMENT

25.1%
SHARE
OF DBAG

DECEMBER 1996
INITIAL INVESTMENT

PLANTS FOR INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION

Grohmann Engineering develops and produces automated plants for manufacturing sophisticated products for the semi-conductor, electronics and automotive industries as well as for biotechnology and medical technology, among others, and markets them worldwide. The company works hand in hand with its customers and suppliers to pioneer key technologies, such as required in the industrial production and assembly of lithium ion batteries or the industrial production of fuel cells.

The company benefits from the current trend towards process optimisation for the highly efficient mass production of technically sophisticated products or individual components

of such products. The aim is to improve quality and safety standards, reduce material and manufacturing costs, enhance product variability and shorten throughput times. Grohmann supplies the necessary machines and plants to achieve this. Standard machines are rarely used, and the effort required to develop new machines is often high.

POTENTIAL FOR DEVELOPMENT

Our investment in Grohmann stems from an expansion capital investment made in the 1990s. Since Deutsche Beteiligungs AG entered into the investment (none of DBAG's funds have a stake in the company), the company's revenues have grown by around six percent a year on average. Its customers' industries have changed. Lower order volumes from the telecommunications industry, for example, have been offset by business with customers in the biotechnology and medical technology industries. In the past years, Grohmann has benefitted from a focus on production processes in the information, communications and automotive industries.

Currently, the family-owned company has set its sights on the growth opportunities offered by the electromobility sector: Grohmann Engineering is considered the technology leader in plants for the industrial production of battery cells.

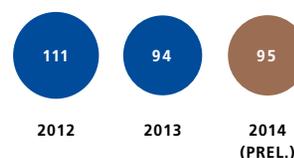
2014 FINANCIAL YEAR

The company's revenues and earnings developed better than planned and were up on the previous year. After making concessions in previous years for development requests, repeat orders helped to boost the company's profitability.

OUTLOOK AND OBJECTIVES

Based on the positive incoming orders in 2014, the company expects higher revenues in 2015. Earnings are supposed to increase disproportionately.

REVENUES in €mn



EMPLOYEES

790