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Year of birth: 1958
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Key qualifications: Project development (strategic level), project management, technical engineering

Summary

After graduation in 1984 as technical engineer (ing.) I immediately started to work for the leading Dutch bakery organisation SaBa BV. SaBa was established as a cooperation of approximately 40 (industrial) bakeries in The Netherlands to come to commercial cover of the whole country in order to make general sales agreements with retail organisations.

In order to support the tremendous growth of this group of bakeries (founded end of the sixties and marketleader from 1980) they initiated a technical/technological department to give the members also on these issues support. Personally I was assigned in 1984 to start a technical department within SaBa BV by which they were able to give the members of the group on all kind of technical issues: from simple choice of machinery (consultancy) up to complete management of building new bakeries (design and project management).

In the period between 1984 and 2003 I was personally involved and mainly responsible for the realization of almost 15 new industrial bakeries and the same amount of extensions of bakeries including projection of new production lines and/or equipment. At the moment almost 50% of the existing Dutch (industrial) bakeries are built by me and at the moment we still have a strong partnership with these relations.

Since 1993 I started my own company Project Techniek (www.projecttechniek.nl) in good cooperation with SaBa and its members. During this period we achieved much more (industrial and artisan) bakery projects. Since 2000 we are not only focussing on the market of bakery projects but more into the market of foodprocessing. Meanwhile we build factories for production of convenience food, meat and vegetables.

In 2000 I started a secondary activity under the label Dubet BV (www.dubet.com). As we are normally involved in initiation of new production facilities or lines, we always know at first the future availability of (good) 2nd hand production equipment and/or complete lines. At the moment this business is exploding due to the enormous demand for (good) 2nd hand equipment in emerging and booming regions worldwide. At the moment we are working in three target areas: Eastern Europe, Middle East and Pakistan/India.

End of 2006 I decided to establish Bakery Initiatives (www.bakery-initiatives.nl) (BI) together with ACC Business Creation. BI specializes in designing, building and operating bakeries (bread, biscuits, pastry and confectionery) in emerging and booming markets and in transfer of bakery know-how to local partners. When needed BI participates as a shareholder, for a limited time in these projects, after which it transfers its ownership to local investors.