

Company History

When the Atlas-Werke AG, Bremen closed their branch office in Kiel at the end of the Second World War because it looked as if all shipbuilding activities had come to an end, the engineer Mr Helmut Hunger, who had managed the branch office until then, set up his own company under the name "Ingenieur Büro Atlas, Kiel" on the 3rd floor of the house Lerchenstraße 2 on the 29th September 1945. The Atlas-Werke transferred responsibility for sales and after-sales service of electromedical equipment and echo sounding systems to him and gradually the company built up its own supplementary production of small electromedical devices. In April 1946 the business moved to larger premises in a former prison in Hopfenstrasse 17 and then the company was finally able to take up residence on several new floors of Building 12 in Kiel fishing port in April 1951.



Helmut
Hunger

After the company had developed into more than just an engineering office by taking over other shipbuilding-orientated agencies and expanding the production program to include ship's searchlights, heaters, switchboards and underwater television systems, it changed its name to "IBAK" from the initials of the previous company name at the end of 1957. In 1968, the company took a big step forward when it moved into its own new premises in Wehdenweg in Kiel that were engineered to suit its specific requirements. In 1974, Herwig Hunger, the elder son of Helmut Hunger, became managing director.



Herwig
Hunger

After the shipbuilding-related branch moved to its own building close to the main site in 2006, IBAK now has 8,000 m² of ultra-modern manufacturing facilities and offices for sewer inspection technology on a 22,000 m² site in Wehdenweg. More than 200 employees from the development, production, service and sales departments are at the service of our customers.

The company is now directed by the younger son of the founder, Dr. Werner Hunger.



Dr.
Werner
Hunger