

CULOBEL GROUP

CULOBEL GROUP is an international technology partner with production facilities in Belgium and the Czech Republic and a sourcing office in China.

They provide total solutions in sheet metal stamping, pressure vessels and assembly.

Their constant innovation, a feel for creativity, and know-how built up over many years ensure outstanding quality. They assist from the outset in the development of product and possess the latest software with which to conduct feasibility studies.

Over 50 automated mechanical and hydraulic presses are testament to the state-of-the-art machinery we have in house.

CUSTOMER PROFILE

- COMPANY NAME: CULOBEL
- LOCATION: 9308 Hofstade- BELGIUM
- ACTIVITY: steel sheet machining
- PROJECT: 1 LAGUN BM 3 Milling machine

MARKETS–SECTORS

During our ample history and thanks to our many years of experience, we have been able to build solid partnerships with leading multinationals in different sectors:

Cooling & Heating, Pumping systems, Hydraulics, Compressors, Domestic appliances and the automotive industry

HISTORY

1929

The history of what is now the CULOBEL GROUP begins in 1929 with the establishment of the Chaumont button factory. The buttons were pressed in metal and mainly intended for uniforms.

1942

In 1942, during the Second War, the company changed name and became LE CULOT BELGE. In this period the factory specialised in the more difficult deep drawing work: the manufacture of screw sleeves for lamps. From 1962 onward the company was called CULOBEL.

1999

In 1999 In order to increase production capacity and quality still further and also to guarantee the safety of its staff, the company decided to thoroughly overhaul and modernise its machinery. With a total investment of EUR 3 million, 17 brand new presses and robots were installed and commissioned.

2001

In 2001 Culobel took a strategically important step forward with the start-up of an additional plant in the east of the Czech Republic – a central location in Europe offering new logistical opportunities. The new production department is equipped with modern deep draw presses and welding robots. Building further on its experience and thanks to this expansion, Culobel can adjust to market conditions even more effectively and continue to enhance its solid competitive position.

2014

In the summer of 2014 two additional production halls were brought into use alongside the existing ones in our Czech plant, thus raising total production capacity to more than 13,000m².

INTERVIEW WITH MR. WIM DE CONINCK

QUESTION N° 1:

What were the needs of your business before learning about LAGUN milling machines?

The problem was that the pieces to do in our company became bigger and bigger, so we had to subcontract jobs from external companies.

CULOBEL wanted to control the manufacturing. So, we started to look for a new investment.

QUESTION N° 2:

How did you find out about LAGUN MACHINE TOOLS?

CULOBEL already had some small LAGUN conventional machines. We already knew the LAGUN BRAND. We were satisfied but the machines were too small.

QUESTION N° 3:

Why did you decide to trust our company and try this solution?

For us to buy a new LAGUN milling machine was not a matter of try the brand. We knew LAGUN. We had some quotations from different suppliers but in this case the "good delivery" time was an important advantage. LAGUN had launched the machine in production and only had to adapt it to CULOBEL's configuration.

QUESTION N° 4:

What results did you get with LAGUN MACHINE TOOL

CULOBEL is getting good results. The first job we had to do with the LAGUN milling machine was quite difficult.

We needed the machine fast and in operation. Machine was installed in our premises and the day after we did a complex part. The results were good indeed. Machine is working full time. We would like to support our "daughter company" in Czech Republic but we cannot help them because we are very busy. Soon, hopefully we will be able to assist them.

QUESTION N° 5:

How did your business change after using LAGUN milling machines?

The purpose of buying a new and bigger machine was mainly not to subcontract all the job from external companies. And as said before, machine is working full time.

BENDERTECHNIEK BV did a good job with the installation of the machine in a very small area.

/// Our main aim was to avoid subcontracting external jobs to other companies and with the **LAGUN BM 3 milling machine** which is working fulltime we have achieved it ///



Mr. Wim De Coninck
Technical Director at CULOBEL