

# PRESSE Information

## PRESS Release



### **LABORATORY PARTNER is a successful business which has been active in the market for 25 years.**

**LABORATORY PARTNER** photo distribution was established in 1982 by Mr. Hartmuth Schroeder, in close co-operation with the chemist, Mr. Udo Raffay (CG-chemistry Hamburg), as well as with the naval photographer, Mr. Werner Jordan.

As part of its mission, the business has focused on producing user-friendly and environmentally-friendly products.

At the beginning of the 1980's, there were many breathing and respiratory problems caused by the application of glacial acetic acid, or SO<sub>2</sub> emitting fixing bath of natriumthiosulfide base (fixing soda) in combination with calciumdisulfide.

The technical progress introduced by **LABORATORY PARTNERS** was welcomed with a deep breath by all the laboratory employees of that time, because it relieved the breathing problems and headaches associated with everyday working life.

For the last 25 years, **LABORATORY PARTNER** has offered the opportunity to work in "practically odor-free" photo laboratories with many trays and developing tanks. However, in view of the rather insufficient exhaust systems in amateur darkrooms at that time, new photo chemistry was developed and represented a technological breakthrough.

Furthermore, by using unusually modern packing in re-usable PE-HP wide-necked bottles, which were perfectly coordinated with the JOBO machines, drip-free and safer refilling became possible.



Matthias Schroeder

Today, the enterprise is successfully led by Mr. Matthias Schroeder, one of the sons of the founder. The current sales figures, above all, certainly by the sales impact of the **ROLLEIFILM PHOTO CHEMISTRY**, permit no more production in a medium-size market. But the requirements of the environmental protection authorities, as well as comprehensive quality controls, are very fastidious.

The important output is manufactured today by the industrial partner FUJIFILM based on the quality and inspection criteria valid for large-scale industry.

As 25 years ago, the successors of the founder work in close co-operation with the large-scale photo industry. Thus, a safe supply of the highest possible quality level is guaranteed. It might interest the user of **LABORATORY PARTNER (ROLLEI)** to know that at the beginning of the 90's, photo solutions were provided by the ORIENTAL Japan company, with regard to optimized processing of high-silver-content emulsions (new Seagull G).



These steeped in tradition and proven formulas, are based on the use of raw materials, which are so no longer in use today. This challenge was recognized by **LABORATORY PARTNER**!

As a consequence, the current formulas have been modernized in co-operation with an American producer to bring **GREEN LINE CHEMISTRY** to the market.

Most **LABORATORY PARTNER** photo chemicals are now **ECO FRIENDLY**, and the orange warning references are replaced by green references.

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