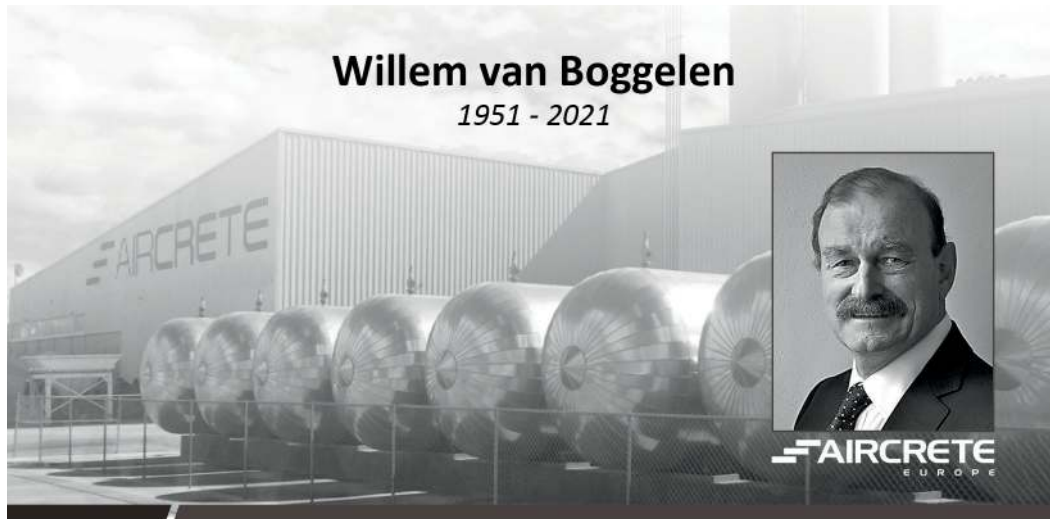


A great AAC expert is no longer amongst us



It is with great sadness that we have to inform you that Mr. Willem van Boggelen, the founding father of Aircrete Europe, passed away on 12 May 2021 at the age of 70. Willem has dedicated his entire life to the world of AAC. He was very well-respected within the global AAC industry and considered a leader and an expert in the field of AAC and also, a true visionary for panel technology and panel-based building solutions.

Graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and Fluid Mechanics, Willem was the engineering drive and first generation behind Aircrete's successful presence in the global Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (AAC) market today. Willem's involvement in the AAC industry started over 50 years ago, back in the 70's. After 30 years at Dutch multinational Royal Dutch Stork, where Willem was leading the global AAC technology division, Willem founded Aircrete Europe in 2002.

With his vision back then, that the future of building materials is a modular, versatile, panel-based solution, he was a pioneer in the beginning of this century to uniquely continue to develop the so-called Flat-Cake Technology under the Aircrete brand. Along with that strategic decision as a solid foundation, Aircrete Europe continued to introduce many key technological innovations over the past years.

Followed by a number of important investments in Aircrete factories, Aircrete Europe created the advantage of embedding the process know-how of AAC production in its organization as well. With these

strategic developments, Aircrete moved away from a machine builder to become a true technology partner for its clients, where it occupies a unique position in the global AAC industry today.

It is extremely sad and very hard to accept that Willem has left us way too young. At the same time, we are very proud of his achievements and grateful to have known and worked side by side with a fantastic human being, an inspiring leader and a remarkable engineer. The man who taught us to be creative and always think in solutions, who was always honest and sincere and the man who never gave up is no longer amongst us, but he will live on in our memories and we will continue to build and grow Aircrete on the foundations that he laid.

Rest in peace Chairman,

The Aircrete family

