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WEBAK CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

200 GUESTS ATTEND LAVISH DINNER TO MARK MILESTONE FOR AUSTRIAN MANUFACTURER

AUSTRIAN manufacturer Webak celebrated its silver jubilee with a glittering party hosted by the principals of the company, Kurt Kreiner and his wife, Eveline.

A spectacular backdrop to the celebrations was provided by the beautiful Lake Traunsee in the Austrian Salzkammergut upon which a cruise for the specially-invited guests set the celebrations under way. The famous castle Orth, where the cruise boat docked, is well known as the film set for the series Schlosshotel Orth.

Guests were welcomed with a reception on the footbridge of the castle with champagne and the typical Austrian Steckerlfisch delicacy, followed by a lavish dinner party in the castle courtyard. The menu for the buffet-style dinner included some Austrian gastronomic specialities. This was particularly interesting for some of the many non-Austrian visitors on the guest list.

About 200 guests, mostly VIPs from the industry and from



Eric Horley with Eveline and Kurt Kreiner

The Mayor of Gmunden, Herr Koeppel, presents the town flag to Eveline and Kurt Kreiner

commerce who had dealings with the Gmunden-based company over the years, had been invited. They included, for example, Eric Horley, one of the original founders of the Barcrest machine manufacturing company and a long-time personal friend of Mr and Mrs Kreiner. The international soccer star Toni Polster was also on the

list, together with the Mayor of Gmunden and a number of clients from Austria, Germany, the Netherlands, the UK, Spain, Romania, Hungary, Sweden, the Czech Republic and Slovakia. They enjoyed an evening of entertainment hosted by a TV master of ceremonies.

For Webak there was a significant honour; the company

was presented with the town flag of Gmunden by the Mayor - an honour which very few companies receive.

Now it is back to business for the Austrian company, which recently hit the headlines by beating many of the industry giants to a machine approval under the new German AWP laws.