



How Old Are We?

For most people when you ask them how old they are it is not a difficult question. Some people do not want to answer the question but most of us know our age. With Zaclon the question is a bit of a dilemma.

Our plant was founded in 1866 making us 141 years old. It was started as a plant of the Grasselli Chemical Company with the initial purpose to make sulfuric acid for Rockefeller's Standard Oil just down the road. As a point in time, the Civil War had just ended. Abraham Lincoln had been assassinated the year before.

We could be viewed as 59 years old because it was 1928 when Dupont bought Grasselli and continued to grow the plant into vibrant chemical complex which would create many new products for the American economy. It was a period of calm between the two World Wars. However, clouds of trouble were on the horizon as Time named Adolf Hitler Man of the Year for 1928.

ZACLON as an independent company is 20 years old in 2007. It was in 1987 that Jim Krimmel and Joe Turgeon bought the plant from Dupont creating a new company. The company took its name from its extensive line of zinc ammonium chloride fluxes. The initial Zaclon fluxes had been developed by Grasselli and Dupont starting back in the 1920s. Many of us alive today remember 1987. It was the year that Reagan and Gorbachev signed the I.N.F. Treaty which marked the beginning of the end of the Cold War. It was the year that many of our young people just entering the workforce were born.

So how old are we? We are old enough to have a long history of growth and accomplishment. We are young enough to be Focused on the Future, bringing quality, environmentally friendly, innovative industrial chemicals to the marketplace.