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What inspired you to pursue a career in engineering?

Growing up, I was always helping my father in the car workshop or with renovation projects around the house. I also spent time with my grandfather in his carpentry shop, playing with wood and tools as a child. These early experiences sparked my interest in technology and engineering.



What is an achievement or project in your engineering career that you are especially proud of?

Rather than a single specific project, I'm proud of my ability to successfully complete a variety of projects across different fields. Throughout my engineering career, I've had the opportunity to work in different countries with multicultural teams and diverse collaboration styles. I see adaptability, strengthened through these experiences, as one of my key achievements.

What do you enjoy most about working in engineering?

What I enjoy most about working in engineering is the constant opportunity to learn something new within the field. Whether it's deepening my technical knowledge, exploring new methods, or existing processes. I also really value the collaboration with other departments like Production and Quality. It's great to team up with people from different backgrounds and expertise areas.

What project are you currently working on?

I'm currently working on the roof renovation and the subsequent installation of a photovoltaic plant on the weaving facility in Brislach.

Francesca De Pietra

R&D Manager, Vigliano, Italy



What do you enjoy most about working in engineering?

I like finding practical solutions to everyday challenges, whether they are new developments or actual problems. For sure, the best part of my daily job is to know that I can somehow “make a difference” and help in continuous improvement.

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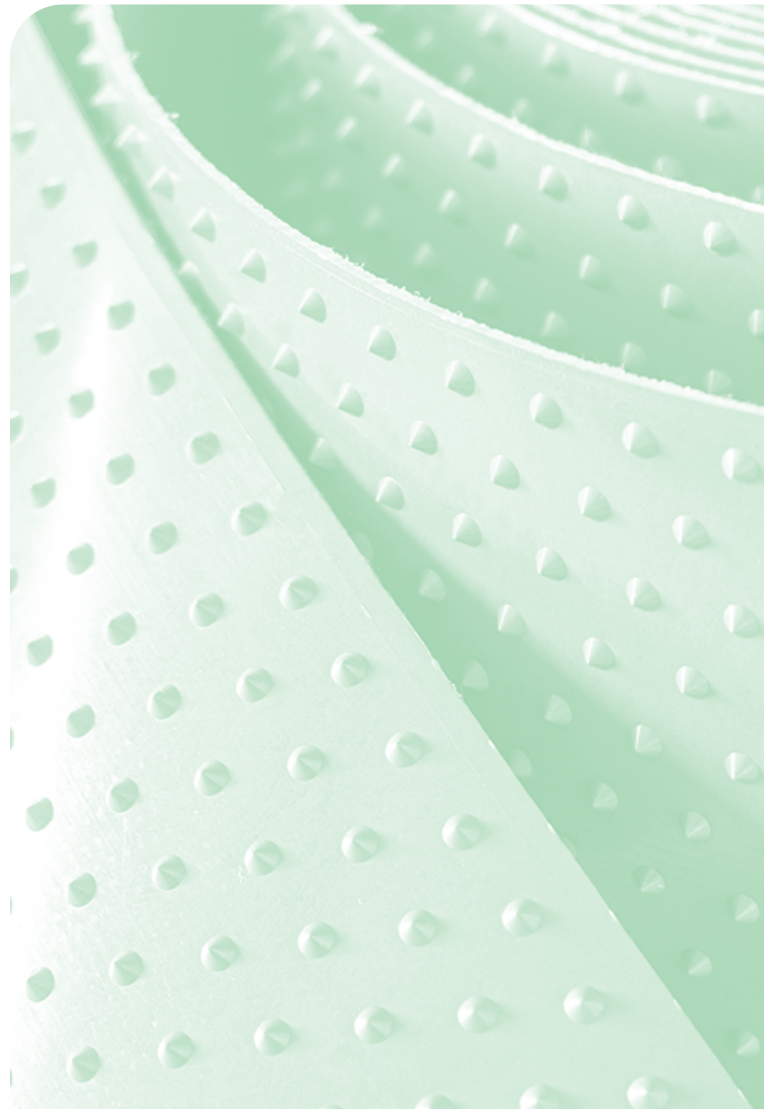
I am working on different development projects in my area of competence as part of the P&TD Team. My activity is focused on fabric belts, mainly in PVC and TPU, for various applications: food, light conveyors, and processing. Lately, I have also been included in some evaluations more related to equipment and production, I’m happy because it is even more challenging for me as an Engineer.

What inspired you to pursue a career in engineering?

I’ve always been attracted to science and technical topics. After my High School studies, with a strong focus on technical subjects (Science, Physics, and Chemistry), I was amazed by Chemistry and wanted to go on studying it. But the career perspective of “pure Chemistry” just did not seem so exciting, so I decided to see what Chemical Engineering was offering.

What is an achievement or project in your engineering career that you are especially proud of?

My biggest achievement is definitely to have become the R&D Manager for the Vigliano site. I think my background helped a lot in that, because Engineering does not only mean “learning technical concepts”, it teaches a way of thinking and facing issues that can be applied to different aspects of daily life.



Marianne Wink

Senior Project Manager
Technology Development,
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What inspired you to pursue a career in engineering?

Right around the time when I was choosing what to study, I read about the lotus effect. Lotus leaves stay clean even in the muddiest waters because of their sophisticated surface structure. This fascinated me and led me towards studying materials science.

What is an achievement or project in your engineering career that you are especially proud of?

I am proud of all my achievements so far. But a recent example comes from the time before joining Habasit, when I was working as a project leader at the Institute of Polymer Nanotechnology at the University of Applied Sciences in Northwestern Switzerland. There I was leading a project with the aim to develop a biobased durable water repellent (DWR) for textiles together with a start-up. This formulation is now about to be released, making it the first 100% bio-based DWR available on the market.



What do you enjoy most about working in engineering?

I particularly like the creative part at the start of a project of brainstorming ideas and coming up with ideas.

What project are you currently working on?

I am currently working on a range of materials-related projects. My main focus is the development of low Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) alternatives to our solvent-based adhesives and coatings here in Reinach, together with my colleague Isabelle Raineri.

