



In 1991 Ron van Bergen starts as a representative in cleaning products for the Belgian firm Sicafe. After one year, he decides together with his partner Judith van Steensel, to start a firm for himself named GROBÉ Nederland, a company in cleaning products. In 1992 the cleaning products are mainly sold to catering companies, cleaning companies, and butchers. But at the end of 1992 the question from the painters branch into a replacement for ammonia is growing. GROBÉ Nederland has settled in Assen and is producing its cleaners to the Philipsweg.



In 1993 GROBÉ Nederland developed a not foaming degreaser which contains all good properties of ammonia but more environmentally friendly and more pleasant to use. Universol was welcome positively in the painting sector and in 1994, Eisma Professional Press, released an article in the magazine about the new replacement for ammonia.



A new factory is being opened in Joure, Friesland in 1999 due to the big demand to Universol of GROBÉ Nederland.



However, GROBÉ Nederland was growing fast and a new factory in 2002 in Kolham has been opened. Universol has now become famous as a professional brand in the paint industry or coating sector. Every paint wholesaler in the Netherlands has virtually included Universol in its delivery package. Universol is now being introduced into the market in Belgium, Germany and UK.



After the early death of Judith van Steensel in 2005, the factory in Kolham is closed and the production and rights of Universol is being housed at Chemtec Chemicals in Rotterdam. Next to Universol, the well-known brand names; Behangbikker and Microsol have been taken into the market as well through Chemtec Chemicals. Universol is receiving a new impulse after the acquisition in 2010 from Chemtec Chemicals by Rustoleum in which is a subsidiary of RPM Inc.



Chemtec Chemicals will be expanding the Prochemko line in 2019. The products of Prochemko will be sold in the Netherlands, Belgium, UK, France, Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Ireland.