



The History of Cobeal



From National Beginnings to a Global Legacy

1963 - 2025





After World War II, the U.S. government began declassifying filtration and containment technologies developed by the Manhattan Project.

Originally created for nuclear weapons, these innovations in biological, chemical, nuclear, and radiological systems were later recognized for their broader industrial and public health applications, fostering global economic and industrial development.



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Cambridge Corporation, based in Syracuse, New York, emerged as a key player in the dissemination of these declassified technologies.

Tasked with managing the transition of sensitive innovations into commercial applications, Cambridge issued a total of five worldwide licenses to strategically selected individuals and companies.

These licenses granted exclusive rights to manufacture and apply filtration systems derived from Manhattan Project research.





The Founding of VISA®

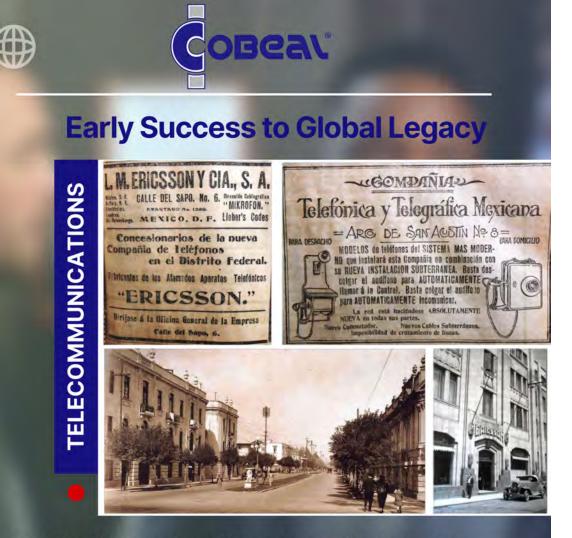
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One of these licenses was awarded to Bo Erik Ingemar Hollsten, a Swedish mechanical engineer with extensive experience in HVAC systems for marine engineering and critical environments.

Hollsten was uniquely qualified, given his expertise in creating advanced ventilation systems for harsh and sensitive conditions.

With this license, Hollsten relocated to Mexico and founded Ventilación Industrial, S.A. (VISA®) in 1963. His venture aimed to bring cutting-edge filtration, cooling, and environmental control systems to Mexico's burgeoning industrial landscape.



VISA's first major client was Ericsson, the original founder of Teléfonos de México (Telmex).

Telmex was expanding its

telecommunications infrastructure across Mexico, necessitating highly specialized air filtration and construction services to protect sensitive equipment in its facilities.

Hollsten's team provided these critical services, combining the advanced filtration technologies derived from the Manhattan Project with tailored construction solutions. This collaboration set a precedent for excellence in industrial engineering and positioned VISA as a leader in the field.