Lobe pumps had been used to transfer yeast but gassing issues caused problems and pump efficiency suffered. This was particularly noticeable as there are long suction lines between multiple yeast tanks and the pump station. Installation of Certa 200 pumps at the Hofmann brewery fulfilled these specifications and led to continuous yeast harvesting, with the Brewmaster stating that ease of maintenance by the brewery’s own personnel, and rapid CIP cleaning, is an added advantage. The simplicity of the Certa pump reduces CIP cycles and the amount of water and cleaning agents required.

In yeast harvesting duties, Hofmann uses a sight glass on the fermentation tanks to give quick visual assurance of yeast levels within each tank whilst pumping takes place.

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