

EANS-News: ANDRITZ to supply key production technologies for new bio-product pulp mill in Finland

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Company Information

Graz/Helsinki, February 13, 2015. International technology Group ANDRITZ has signed a letter of intent with Metsä Fibre to deliver key production technologies for a new bio-product pulp mill with an annual capacity of 1.3 million tons of pulp in Äänekoski, Finland. The order value for ANDRITZ is over 100 million euros. Start-up of the planned mill is scheduled for August 2017.

ANDRITZ's scope of supplies includes:

- A complete wood processing plant including three debarking lines designed for world record capacities (up to 470 m3 solid-over-bark per hour) and the world's biggest horizontally fed chippers, ensuring high capacity without compromising the chip quality.
- A fiberline for softwood and hardwood including a chip feeding system, a continuous cooking plant, seven DD (Drum Displacer) washers, and a new evaporation system for liquor extraction. The line's softwood capacity will be the highest in the world by far (3,900 tons per day).
- The world's most energy-efficient black liquor evaporation plant with the highest capacity in Europe (1,650 tons/hour).
- A recausticizing plant, which will be the largest in Europe (white liquor production of 16,000 m3/day).

The new mill will be a next-generation bio-product pulp mill which can convert wood raw material into bio-materials and bio-energy in addition to high-quality pulp. It will not use any fossil-based fuels as all of the energy required will be generated from wood. The erection of the new mill is the largest investment in the Finnish forest industry ever.

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The ANDRITZ GROUP

The ANDRITZ GROUP is a globally leading supplier of plants, equipment, and

services for hydropower stations, the pulp and paper industry, the metalworking and steel industries, and solid/liquid separation in the municipal and industrial sectors. The publicly listed, international technology Group is headquartered in Graz, Austria, and has a staff of around 24,500 employees. ANDRITZ operates over 250 production sites as well as service and sales companies all around the world. The ANDRITZ GROUP ranks among the global market leaders in all four of its business areas. One of the Group's overall strategic goals is to strengthen and extend this position. At the same time, the company aims to secure the continuation of profitable growth in the long term.

ANDRITZ PULP & PAPER

The business area is a leading global supplier of equipment, systems, and services for the production and processing of all types of pulps, paper, tissue, and cardboard. The technologies cover the processing of logs, annual fibers, and waste paper; the production of chemical pulp, mechanical pulp, and recycled fibers; the recovery and reuse of chemicals; the preparation of paper machine furnish; the production of paper, tissue, and board; the calendering and coating of paper; as well as treatment of reject materials and sludge. The service range includes modernization, rebuilds, spare and wear parts, service and maintenance, as well as machine transfer and second-hand equipment. Biomass, steam, and recovery boilers, gasification plants for energy production, flue gas cleaning plants, production equipment for biofuel (second generation) and biomass pelleting, biomass torrefaction, plants for the production of nonwovens, dissolving pulp, plastic films, and panelboards (MDF), and recycling plants are also allocated to the business area.

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