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Sepac invests in low-energy tissue machine from Voith

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A fifth tissue machine has now been ordered by tissue producer Sepac, based in Mallet, Brazil, which signed a contract with Voith in early 2013, just a few months after starting up its PM 4. It is already one of the 10 largest toilet paper producers in South America, but this new machine will enable Sepac to increase its production further, by 35,000 t per year.

Expected to begin operating in the first semester of 2014, the Voith VTM2 machine delivered to Sepac will be one of the most modern machines for this paper grade in the Brazilian market. Designed to reach operating speeds of up to 2,000 m/min, this VTM2 will be capable of producing 100 t per day of single and double ply toilet paper with basis weights between 15 and 19 g/m².

One of the project's highlights is the NipcoFlex T shoe press and the 4.8 m (16 ft.) steel plate Yankee cylinder, which, together, will not only enable greater operating speed and paper quality, but also allow Sepac's new machine to use up to 20% less thermal energy.

The scope of supply also includes the complete stock preparation process with an IntensaPulper and two TwinFlo refiners with Pluralis discs for lower energy consumption. Furthermore, the Sepac PM 5 will feature a MasterJet Pro T headbox, complete MCS and DCS automation systems, a thermal oil drying hood built to operate at a temperature of 350°C, the complete vacuum system and a MasterReel winder.

"It is very important for us to be able to develop and supply solutions for yet another project for Sepac – the third one in five years. This proves the company's confidence in our products and the services we have continued



to provide," remarks Rogério Berardi, Global Vice President for Tissue Machines at Voith Paper.

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Sepac – Serrados e Pasta de Celulose

SEPAC began operating in the late 1970s, initially undertaking reforestation efforts and supplying forest tree seedlings in Mallet, a city located in the south of Brazil. The company then went on to produce tissue papers. The company has been widely acknowledged for the investments in technology that it has brought to its region, as well as the quality of its products, which are aimed at the personal care market.

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