

## Press Release

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### **Spain: Papel Aralar S.A. is choosing Voith as service partner**

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Voith expands the market share for resident mill service in Spain by launching a new project. After years of close cooperation Papel Aralar S.A., located in Amezketa (Guipuzcúa) in the northern part of Spain, has decided to outsource the mill maintenance to Voith. The decision was based on the trust built up between the companies over the years. With this five years Residence Service contract Voith is taking full responsibility for the entire maintenance operation.

Voith offers worldwide flexible service packages for servicing and maintenance that can be specifically adapted to the customer's production and maintenance needs. In Amezketa Voith will manage the entire maintenance crew to ensure that mechanical and electrical maintenance regimes, shutdown management, planning and scheduling, reliability maintenance as well as maintenance material sourcing are completed according to the Voith best practice maintenance concept.

At Papel Aralar S.A. yearly 90,000 t of uncoated and coated special papers are produced on three paper machines. In order to reach maintenance best practice level Voith will redesign and expand the existing maintenance management system integrating the preventive and predictive maintenance processes. Parallel to this, Failure Mode and Effects Analysis will be performed to define the best fit maintenance concept for the complete equipment in the different process lines. The common target for the project is to improve overall equipment effectiveness and reduce the specific maintenance cost. The progress will be monitored by a number of commonly defined KPI's.

To optimize maintenance cost and efficiency Voith will synergize the resident service projects in several paper mills in North Spain with the

Voith workshop in Tolosa, focusing on dynamic man powering, spare parts and knowledge management.

Papel Aralar S.A. is a family-owned business, currently managed by the 4th generation. Since its foundation in 1936 it has always been sure to work with the latest technology for paper manufacturing, making large investments to ensure that it has always been at the cutting edge. Papel Aralar S.A. is leading on the Spanish paper market.

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Voith Paper is a division of the Voith Group and the leading partner to and pioneer in the paper industry. Through constant innovations, Voith Paper is optimizing the paper manufacturing process, focusing on developing resource-saving products to reduce the use of energy, water, and fibers. Furthermore, Voith Paper offers a broad service portfolio for all sections of the paper manufacturing process.

Voith sets standards in the markets energy, oil & gas, paper, raw materials and transport & automotive. Founded in 1867, Voith employs more than 43,000 people, generates € 5.7 billion in sales, operates in about 50 countries around the world and is today one of the biggest family-owned companies in Europe.

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