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Voith receives order to rebuild LEIPA PM11

Heidenheim/Schwedt: LEIPA Georg Leinfelder GmbH has contracted Voith to reconstruct its PM11 comprehensively to become its future PM5, as well as a new OCC stock preparation and an extension of the DIP facility in its LEIPA plant in Schwedt. The turnkey project is a further milestone in the partnership between LEIPA and Voith, which has been established over many years.

While the PM11 is currently producing approx. 280,000 metric tons of newsprint annually, the machine with a wire width of 9,200 mm will be rebuilt to become one of the most modern and largest production lines for white top testliner. With an annual capacity of 450,000 metric tons, the future PM5 will thus rank as the top-performing paper machine of its kind worldwide. The papers produced will feature the highest strength values and best surface characteristics.

The scope of delivery includes a new OCC stock preparation line with drum pulping for the back side of the paper and an extension of the existing deinking system for the paper surface. The paper machine rebuild will include a two-layer wire section including hybrid former, a DuoCentri NipcoFlex shoe press with SolarPress roll cover, a SpeedSizer AT, film applicator unit, the pre- and after-dryer section, Sirius reel and the rebuild of the two DuoRoller units.

As part of the Process Line Package, Voith will design and deliver the hood and air system as well as the automation (machine, process and quality control systems). Along with assembly, Voith will also take on engineering and procurement engineering tasks, as well as training and commissioning. Additionally, a supply agreement on clothing for the paper machine to improve the overall performance has been concluded.

Upon completion of the PM5 rebuild in Schwedt, LEIPA will have invested more than 1 billion euros in machines, infrastructure, energy solutions and

employees. With this investment, LEIPA consolidates its benchmark position as a quality manufacturer for coated and uncoated white top testliner, becoming a one-stop-shop for first-rate quality white coated corrugated base paper with a total annual capacity of 700,000 metric tons.

About LEIPA Georg Leinfelder GmbH

LEIPA Georg Leinfelder GmbH is part of the LEIPA GROUP. Currently the company produces more than 1.2 million metric tons of graphic and packaging paper each year at its Schwedt and Schrobenhausen sites, based on sustainable and environmentally friendly production processes.

LEIPA GROUP

LEIPA GROUP is an independent group of process technology companies in the fields of paper, packaging, green tech and logistics. As a European player with a worldwide customer base, the family-owned LEIPA GROUP has achieved consolidated sales of around 740 million euros and currently has approx. 1,700 employees. The LEIPA group of companies is currently planning investments of more than 100 million euros.

www.leipa.de

About Voith Paper

Voith Paper is a corporate division of Voith and is one of the leading partners and pioneers in the paper industry. Through constant innovations, Voith Paper is optimizing the paper manufacturing process, focusing on developing resource-conserving 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.

About the company

Voith sets standards in the energy, oil & gas, paper, raw materials and transport & automotive markets. Founded in 1867, Voith today has about 20,000 employees and earns 4.3 billion euros in sales. It has locations in more than 60 countries and is one of the largest family-owned companies in Europe.

* Excluding the discontinued Group Division Voith Industrial Services.

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