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Schumacher Packaging commissions Voith to rebuild PM 2 in Myszków to double its production capacity

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- Voith will rebuild the customer's entire line with a focus on sustainability and efficiency
- The full-liner approach, flexibility and short rebuild time were decisive for the contract award
- The scope of supply includes leading technologies from the BlueLine stock preparation and XcelLine paper machine portfolio

MYSZKÓW, Poland. Schumacher Packaging, a corrugated board producer and full-range supplier of paper-based packaging solutions, has commissioned Voith to rebuild PM 2 at its Myszków site in Poland. The line is scheduled to start up again in mid-2023 after a short rebuild period. After the rebuild, the line will double its production capacity of light weight containerboard from 500 to 1000 tons per day. As part of the rebuild scope, Voith will upgrade the OCC stock preparation with technologies from the BlueLine portfolio, and the paper machine will be extensively modernized with state-of-the-art machine concepts and a new VariFlex NG high-performance winder. The full-line supplier Voith is placing a special focus on high availability, technological efficiency, process stability and sustainability with the lowest possible energy balance for the plant. In addition, Schumacher Packaging benefits from simple and safe operation of the machines, as well as the extensive technological knowledge of Voith experts. Another focus will be on minimizing the maintenance and servicing effort.

"With the rebuild, we will deliver to Schumacher Packaging a customized solution at the highest level," says Martin Bassmann, President Products & Services EMEA at Voith Paper. "This means that production capacity, efficiency and quality can be significantly increased."

"We have found a perfect partner for our ambitious project with the full-line supplier Voith," says Bjoern Schumacher, CEO Schumacher Packaging Group. "With the doubled production capacity, we enable a smooth supply chain with significantly increased planning reliability. Voith was convincing due to its market-leading technologies, many years of experience and high quality standards."

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In 2018, Voith supplied the customer with the BlueLine-OCC stock preparation system. Due to the high level of satisfaction, Schumacher Packaging now also commissioned Voith for the extension of the plant. The BlueLine machinery ensures minimal impact on the environment, optimal utilization of raw materials and maximum reliability through robust and proven products and processes. For example, the asymmetric, eccentric design of the IntensaPulper and the IntensaMaxx pulper cleaning system ensures a significant increase in production capacity and enables reliable and efficient pulping of the recovered paper. Energy consumption can be reduced by up to 25% compared to conventional LC (low-consistency) pulpers. While production costs can therefore be significantly reduced, the pulping quality remains consistently high with low fiber loss.

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On the paper machine, the wire section will be rebuilt to a DuoFormer D and equipped with a new MasterJet Pro-F/B headbox and a DuoShake DG 800 to ensure the best possible quality in regards of profiles and paper strength. In addition, the press section will be renewed and equipped with Voith's Tandem NipcoFlex technology, which significantly increases the dry content and capacity and reduces specific steam consumption. The fully automatic VariFlex winder uses proven technology and ensures stable winding quality at maximum speed thanks to an integrated drive control system and unique hydrodynamic vibration damping system.

About Schumacher Packaging

The Schumacher Packaging Group (www.schumacher-packaging.com) has its head office in the Bavarian town of Ebersdorf bei Coburg and is an expert for tailor-made packaging solutions made of corrugated and solid board. The medium-sized, owner-run company has been one of the productivity and technology leaders in the packaging industry for many years. One important strategic advantage is that Schumacher Packaging combines a wide presence on the European market with uniformly high technology, quality and service standards at every location. The extensive product portfolio satisfies the packaging needs of many different industries and extends from packaging for transport, automatic machines and sales, as well as folding boxes and trays through to gift packaging and displays.

Schumacher Packaging also develops and produces customer-specific, turnkey packaging solutions. In its capacity as a full-service supplier, it provides extensive services for all stages in the supply chain.

The company has been located in Ebersdorf near Coburg since it was founded in 1948. Other German production sites belonging to Schumacher Packaging are located in Bielefeld, Forchheim, Greven, Hauenstein, Schwarzenberg and Sonneberg. Five other business establishments are operated in Poland: One each in Bydgoszcz and Grudziądz and two in Wrocław; in 2016, the Group also took over a paper factory in Myszków. The Breda plant in the Netherlands is a production site for displays, the Nýrsko plant in the Czech Republic manufactures special and composite packaging, and the German site at Lehrte provides co-packing services. Most recently, in November 2019, the Group took over a packaging plant in Birmingham, United Kingdom. In the 2020 financial year, Schumacher Packaging posted an annual turnover of EUR 675 million. The Group currently has a workforce of around 3500 employees.

About the Voith Group

The Voith Group is a global technology company. With its broad portfolio of systems, products, services and digital applications, Voith sets standards in the markets of energy, oil & gas, paper, raw materials and transport & automotive. Founded in 1867, the company today has more than 20,000 employees, sales of € 4.2 billion and locations in over 60 countries worldwide and is thus one of the larger family-owned companies in Europe.

The Group Division Voith Paper is part of the Voith Group. As the full-line supplier to the paper industry, it provides the largest range of technologies, services and products on the market and offers paper manufacturers holistic solutions from a single source. The company's continuous stream of innovations facilitates resource-conserving production and helps customers minimize their carbon footprint. With its leading automation products and digitalization solutions from the Papermaking 4.0 portfolio, Voith offers its customers state-of-the-art digital technologies to improve plant availability and efficiency for all sections of the production process.

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