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SCA relies on latest digitalization and lifecycle management solutions from Voith and BTG along the entire paper machine to save resources

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- SCA uses digitalization and automation solutions from the Papermaking 4.0 portfolio of Voith and BTG across the entire paper machine
- In addition, Voith works closely with SCA after installation as part of an Efficiency Partnership
- Solutions lead to significant resource savings in paper production

OBBOLA/HEIDENHEIM. SCA is successfully utilizing Voith's digital and automation solutions with the aim of optimizing the production efficiency of its new XcelLine PM 2. Last year, the leading full-line supplier Voith successfully commissioned the paper machine at its Obbola site. The high-performance machine produces 725,000 tons of kraftliner annually with basis weights between 100 and 200 gsm and has a design speed of 1,400 meters per minute.

“The journey for SCA and Voith together has only just begun,” says Gustaf Nygren, Mill Manager Obbola at SCA. “We have a long-term partnership in place with the target of reaching the common vision of PM 2 in Obbola becoming the new reference for safety, efficiency and digitalization.”

To achieve its goals, SCA is using more than 10 innovative digitalization and automation solutions across the entire paper machine from the Papermaking 4.0 portfolio of Voith and its subsidiary. For example, solutions from the OnEfficiency family help increase line efficiency and stabilize product and process quality. The increased efficiency also contributes to more sustainable and resource-saving paper production. SCA also uses applications from the OnCare family to monitor productivity and take optimization measures quickly.

Machine availability is further increased by digital services such as the OnCall.Video remote maintenance service. The Voith Paper Webshop enables fast ordering of spare and wear parts as well as services. The digital portfolio is made available on Voith's IIoT dataPARC cloud platform, which is characterized by the highest security standards.

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"With the PM 2, we will take our next steps in the digitalization journey. The applications provided by Voith will help us to monitor the process and make the right decisions," confirms Niclas Ahnmark, Paper Mill Manager at SCA.

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SCA has also signed a long-term service agreement with Voith subsidiary BTG for process control. BTG's Lifecycle program ensures optimal consistency accuracy and control by providing preventive maintenance services for the entire consistency sensors install base, including regular calibration and routine checks. BTG Field Service Engineers assist in the planning, implementation and coordination of the various maintenance services, maximizing machine uptime and stability while maintaining SCA's high safety standards.

The collaboration with SCA is long-term and is particularly evident through the Efficiency Partnership. Throughout the process, the teams work closely together to ensure that the solutions are used optimally. Stephan Sicking, Vice President Sales FRS EMEA at Voith Paper, explains, "As part of a digitalization roadmap, we have defined common goals and KPIs in a cross-functional team, developed a customized concept and are now providing support for successive installation and employee training. Already, the benefits from this collaborative approach are clearly demonstrated."

About SCA

The core of SCA's business is the growing forest, Europe's largest private forest holding. Around this unique resource, we have built a well-developed value chain based on renewable raw material from our own and others' forests. We offer packaging paper, pulp, wood products, renewable energy, services for forest owners and efficient transport solutions. 2022 the forest products company SCA had approximately 3,300 employees and sales amounted to approximately SEK 21 bn. SCA was founded in 1929 and has its headquarters in Sundsvall, Sweden. More information at <http://www.sca.com>.

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, paper, raw materials and transport & automotive. Founded in 1867, the company today has around 20,000 employees, sales of € 4.3 billion and locations in over 60 countries worldwide and is thus one of the larger family-owned companies in Europe.

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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 one 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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