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High satisfaction with Voith's Compact Dispersion Systems at two Saica Paper sites in France

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- Voith equipped two Saica Paper sites in France with modern Compact Dispersion Systems from its BlueLine portfolio.
- The installation resulted in improved strength of the paper products and significant savings in starch consumption, while reducing space requirements by 35 percent.
- The project further strengthened the long-standing and trusting partnership between Saica and Voith.

LAVEYRON & NOGENT-SUR-SEINE, FRANCE / HEIDENHEIM, GERMANY. In 2022, full-line supplier Voith successfully commissioned a Compact Dispersion System in the stock preparation of PM 70 at Saica Paper in Nogent-sur-Seine followed in 2023 by a Compact Dispersion System for stock preparation on PM 60 at Saica Paper's Champblain site in Laveyron. Saica Paper, a leading manufacturer of paper and cardboard packaging in Europe, has expressed high satisfaction with the modern and efficient technologies that optimize its production processes and increase product quality.

The Compact Dispersion System impresses with its reliable and high dewatering performance, fast and efficient steam heating, and outstanding technology. The system offers reliable operation with only three machines. Compared to competitive solutions, the fewer number of machines reduces space requirements by up to 35 percent. At the same time, the reduced complexity simplifies system handling and increases availability. In addition, energy savings of up to 10 percent is achieved.

“The implementation of Voith's Compact Dispersion Systems has enabled us to significantly improve the strength of our paper products while reducing the use of starch on the paper machine,” explains Susana Fernández-Carrión, Stock Preparation Plants Manager at Saica. “At the

Nogent-sur-Seine site in particular, the consistent use of the Compact Dispersion System has enabled us to adopt higher-quality paper grades within our group.”

The new systems, consisting of an InfiltraScrewpress (ISP) screw press, a SpeedHeater, and an InfibraDisp (IFD) disperser, were commissioned in May 2022 (Nogent-sur-Seine) and January 2023 (Champblain Laveyron). They have provided Saica with improved strength of the end product and reduced starch consumption, with the added bonus of lowering the organic load at the wastewater treatment plant.

“The results are impressive and demonstrate how effective our solutions are. Particularly noteworthy is the automatic zero-point detection, which further improves the reliability of our systems,” emphasizes Anne Marchand, Global Product Manager Dispersion at Voith Paper. “The successful cooperation with Saica in all phases of the project was a key factor in this success.”

The long-standing partnership between Saica Paper and Voith is further strengthened by these successful projects. Both companies are optimistic about the future and see great potential in the application of dispersion technology for brown packaging papers, despite the higher energy consumption.

With these new facilities, Saica Paper continues to set standards in the paper industry and demonstrates that innovative technologies and trusting partnerships are the key to sustainable success.

About the Saica Group

The Saica Group offers sustainable paper solutions for the manufacturing of corrugated cardboard and packaging, promoting circularity in waste management. With more than 12,000 employees and a presence in Spain, France, Italy, Portugal, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Turkey, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland and the United States, the Saica Group has four business divisions: the manufacturing recycled paper for corrugated cardboard (Saica Paper), waste management and environmental services (Saica Natur), the production of corrugated cardboard packaging (Saica Pack) and flexible packaging (Saica Flex). The group's turnover is 3,662 million euros (consolidated sales at 31 December 2024).

About the Voith Group

The Voith Group is a global technology company. With its broad portfolio of

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systems, products, services and digital applications, Voith sets standards in the markets of energy, paper, raw materials and transport. Founded in 1867, Voith today has around 22,000 employees, sales of € 5.2 billion and locations in over 60 countries worldwide and thus is 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 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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