

## Media Release

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### **Voith breaks ground on a multi-million-dollar expansion of West Monroe, Louisiana roll service center**

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- The size of the Voith roll service center will increase by almost 50%.
- As a result of the investment, Voith has already begun expanding its workforce in West Monroe, Louisiana.
- Expanding the operational capacity of this location will allow Voith to better meet customer needs throughout North America

**WEST MONROE, La./ APPLETON, Wis.** On Sept. 10, 2025, Voith broke ground on a multi-million-dollar project that will expand and modernize its roll service center in West Monroe, Louisiana – adding more than 20 new jobs and supporting the local economy.

“Today we broke ground on a project that demonstrates our commitment to listening and responding to our customers’ needs for mechanical roll service and the roll cover business,” said David Buchanan, President FRS North America, Voith Paper. “This expansion means that our growing team in West Monroe, Louisiana will have the operational capacity to better serve paper producers throughout North America.”

In addition to expanding capacity, the investment into the facility will enhance logistical processes, supporting a faster and more seamless service experience for Voith customers. The size of the roll service center will increase by almost 50% – adding workspace as well as a dedicated training center to support the critical hands-on training of skilled trade experts in the industry.

The Voith facility offers a wide variety of roll services for customers who are in the papermaking industry. Services offered include operations and

optimization of products; mechanical roll services such as rebuilds, grinding, balance and vibration analysis; roll coverings; roll and part replacements, as well as spreader roll rebuilds and repairs.

“This expansion is allowing us to increase our workforce by adding more than 20 jobs right here in West Monroe,” said Jeff Berg, Chief Operation Officer FRS, Voith Paper. “We have already started hiring, and we are actively filling key positions such as machinists, a drill operator, mechanics/millwrights, engineers, and a production scheduler. Voith is growing in West Monroe, Louisiana.”

The groundbreaking marks Voith Paper’s largest, most recent investment in North America. The project is expected to continue through the middle of 2026, and the Voith roll service center will remain fully operational throughout construction.

### **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. 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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Voith is breaking ground on a multi-million-dollar expansion and modernization project at its roll service center in West Monroe, Louisiana. (From left to right: Jerad Wilson, Senior Vice President, CR Meyer; Jeff Berg, Chief Operation Officer FRS, Voith Paper; Sherry Bohannon, Manager of Engineering, Voith Paper North America; David Buchanan, President FRS, Voith Paper North America; Jamon Weathersby, Painter Mechanical Shop, Voith Paper; Adam Leach, Area Manager, Maintenance, Voith Paper; Doug Garsee, Supervisor of Production, Mechanical Shop, Voith Paper; Ethan Barr, Cover Shop Lead, Voith Paper; Omar Salinas, Poly Cast Technician Cover Shop, Voith Paper; Mayor Staci Albritton Mitchell; Kris Kelley, Executive Director, West Monroe Chamber of Commerce)

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