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Voith inaugurates multi-million dollar Infinity loom at Appleton, Wisconsin plant

- New loom includes state-of-the-art weaving technology
- Press fabrics created on the Infinity loom allow higher running speeds and produce more product for customers in North America and globally

APPLETON, Wis. (November 20, 2019) – Voith has enhanced its commitment to the North American paper industry with the installation of one of the largest looms of its kind in North America. The multi-million dollar investment will allow the manufacturer to provide perfectly-fit dewatering fabrics for its customers across North America and worldwide markets.

“We officially placed into operation one of the largest looms of its kind in the North American paper industry with a total weaving width just over 17 meters. said Jeff Berg, Vice President Operations, Voith Paper Fabric & Roll Systems North America, at the inauguration event held at Voith Paper Fabric & Rolls Systems’ facility in Appleton, Wisconsin, on November 13. “Because of the laminated structure of the woven fabric that maintains void volume throughout operation, press fabrics created on the Infinity loom allow higher running speeds and ultimately result in the generation of more product for our customers.”

“With this new level of quality and efficiency, the Infinity loom will be used to create a global supply of base cloth material and to support the continued growth of the Board and Packaging market in North America,” said Richard Berry, Senior Vice President Sales, Voith Paper Fabric & Roll Systems North America.

The Infinity family of Voith’s press fabrics produced on the Infinity loom include the ToughLine and FineLine series, both of which offer highly uniform, top-quality base fabrics. To learn more about the Voith Infinity Family

of press fabrics, please visit <http://voith.com/corp-en/papermaking/infinity.html>.

To learn more about Voith Paper, please see this video:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YOnmOTESJ6s>.

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 19,000 employees, sales of \$5 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, components and products on the market and offers paper manufacturers solutions from one single source. The company's continuous stream of innovations takes papermaking to the next level and facilitates resource-conserving production. With its Servolution concept, Voith offers its customers tailored service solutions for all sections of the production process. Voith Papermaking 4.0 ensures that equipment is optimally connected, while the secure use of generated data enables paper manufacturers to improve plant availability and efficiency.

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The new loom is over 17 meters wide and operates with a state-of-the-art control system to maximize the product quality and efficiency for producing base fabrics for press section positions.