Press release

**Andritz to supply pressurized refining and chip washing systems to Thailand**

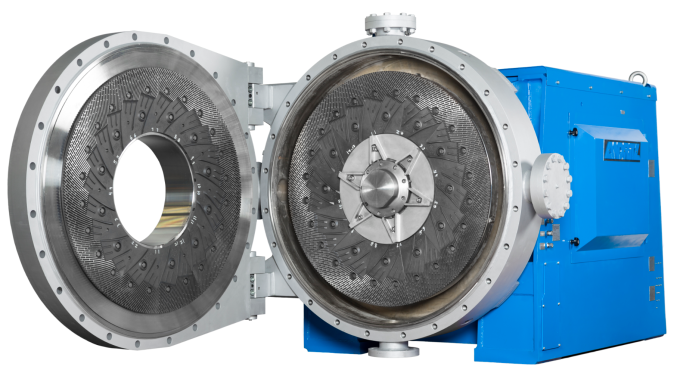
**Graz, August 9, 2016.** International technology Group Andritz has received an order from Panel Plus MDF Co. Ltd. to supply pressurized refining equipment and chip washing systems for MDF (medium-density fiberboard) production lines I and II at the Hat Yai mill, Thailand. Start-up is scheduled for September 2017.

ANDRITZ will deliver a chip washing system with pre-steaming bin for line I, which will process 100% rubber wood as raw material. For line II, whose raw material input will be a variable mix of 80-100% rubber wood and of 0-20% mixed hardwood, ANDRITZ will supply a chip washing and pressurized refining system with a capacity of 30 bdmt/h. ANDRITZ pressurized refining systems feature highly efficient pre-steaming, excellent dewatering in the plug-screw feeder, and low specific energy consumption by the overall system.

The high technological standard of the ANDRITZ processes for the panelboard industry, the high number of successful references for pressurized refining systems worldwide – with more than ten installations in Thailand – as well as the maintenance-friendliness and high reliability of the components were decisive for Panel Plus to place the order with ANDRITZ.

Panel Plus is a leading international company for the production of particle board, medium-density fiberboard and melamine impregnated papers that are used as wood substitute materials for various applications. The company is well-recognized in Asia, serving the needs of both domestic and overseas markets.

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◄ ANDRITZ will deliver an S1056 pressurized refining system

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**ANDRITZ PULP & PAPER**

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