Press release

**ANDRITZ to supply a complete needlepunch line to Autoneum, Mexico**

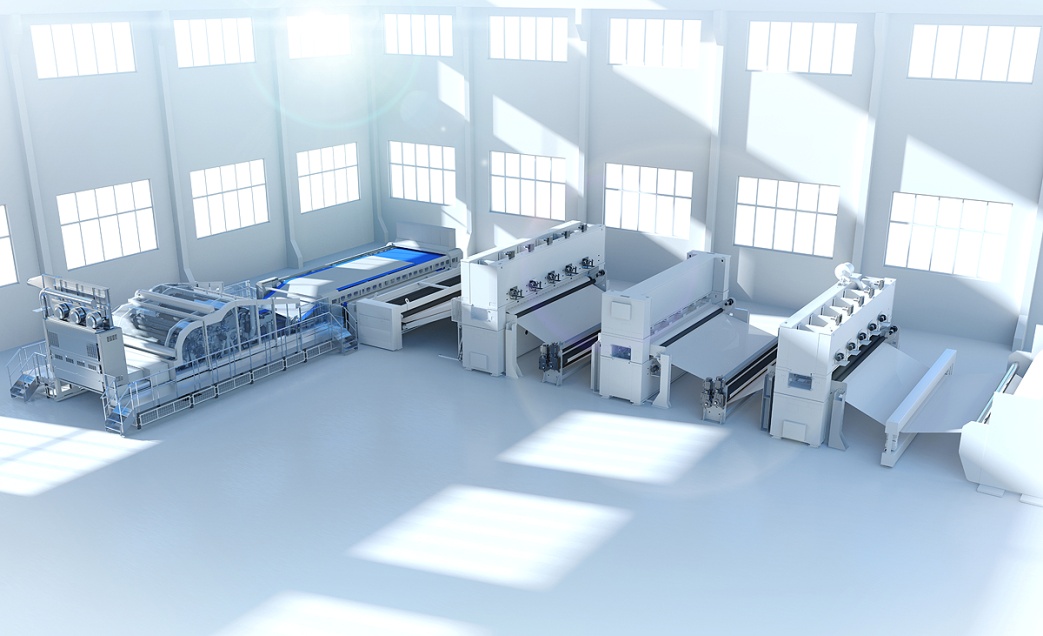
**Graz, July 21, 2017**. ANDRITZ has received an order from Autoneum, headquartered in Winterthur, Switzerland, to supply an ANDRITZ neXline needlepunch eXcelle line to its plant in San Luis Potosi, Mexico, for the production of needlepunched velour felts from 300 to 900 gsm for the automotive market. The fabrics will be used for manufacture of carpet systems, inner dashes, and floor insulators. Start-up of the line, which has a working width of 4.4.m, is scheduled for the end of 2017.

The scope of supply includes a Dynamic eXcelle card and a crosslapper in combination with ANDRITZ technology for drafting and needling. ANDRITZ will also supply the process control equipment as well as the unique, closed-loop ProDyn system, thus providing continuous web monitoring and optimization of the end product. With a maximum speed of 20 m/min, the production capacity of the ANDRITZ needlepunch line will be up to 1,100 kg/hr.

This order once again demonstrates the strong and long-term partnership between ANDRITZ and Autoneum. Autoneum already operates several ANDRITZ lines in Bloomsburg, PA, and Jeffersonville, IN, both USA, as well as several lines in Europe.

Autoneum is the global market and technology leader in acoustic and thermal management solutions for vehicles. Based on its own expertise and technological know-how, Autoneum develops and produces systems and components for leading automobile manufacturers. Its customers are present in the key markets of Europe, North America, South America, and Asia. Autoneum is represented at around 50 locations in over 20 countries and has a workforce of more than 11,000 employees worldwide.

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◄ ANDRITZ high-capacity neXline needlepunch eXcelle for production of nonwoven technical felts

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◄ Autoneum's Di-Light based nonwoven carpet

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