Press release

**ANDRITZ successfully starts up the neXline wetlace production line   
for Akinal Sentetik Tekstil, Turkey**

**Graz, February 24, 2017.** ANDRITZ Nonwoven, part of international technology Group ANDRITZ, has successfully completed start-up of the neXline wetlace line supplied to Akinal Sentetik Tekstil, the leading Turkish producer of nonwovens.

The highly flexible ANDRITZ WetlaceTM technology, which combines wet forming and hydroentanglement, is especially suited for the production of flushable wipes that are dispersible and 100% biodegradable without any chemical binders.

The ANDRITZ neXline wetlace is designed for high production capacities of up to 15,000 tons per year and integrates stock preparation, wet forming, hydroentanglement, and drying. The ANDRITZ WetlaceTM technology fulfills the highest environmental standards for the end products and produces certified nonwovens quality according to the latest EDANA/INDA guidelines for flushable wipes. Akinal Sentetik Tekstil is about to launch a new generation of flushable fabrics named BioFlush®, which are dispersible and biodegradable, and is thus accessing new markets.

This successful start-up confirms ANDRITZ Nonwoven’s position as one of the global market leaders for the supply of complete nonwovens lines, key components, and services.



▲ANDRITZ neXline wetlace at Akinal: High-performance production of flushable wipes

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ANDRITZ is a globally leading supplier of plants, equipment, and services for hydropower stations, the pulp and paper industry, the metalworking and steel industries, and for solid/liquid separation in the municipal and industrial sectors as well as for animal feed and biomass pelleting. Other important business segments include automation and service business. In addition, the international Group is also active in the power generating sector (steam boiler plants, biomass boilers, recovery boilers, and gasification plants) and in environmental technology (flue gas cleaning plants) and offers equipment for the production of nonwovens, dissolving pulp, and panelboard as well as recycling plants. The publicly listed technology Group is headquartered in Graz, Austria, and has a staff of approximately 25,200 employees. ANDRITZ operates more than 250 sites in over 40 countries.