



PRESS RELEASE

ANDRITZ to supply a Wetlace™ CP line to Lotus Teknik, Turkey

GRAZ, FEBRUARY 2, 2021. International technology Group ANDRITZ has received an order from Lotus Teknik A.Ş., Turkey, to supply a neXline wetlace CP (carded pulp) line for the production of biodegradable, plastic-free wet wipes. The line is scheduled for start-up by the end of 2021.

The neXline wetlace CP line is equipped with state-of-the-art stock preparation equipment, including approach flow and fan pump, opening and blending, TT card, wetlaid forming unit for pulp application, a hydroentanglement system, filtration unit, dewatering, and through-air drying. All components are perfectly designed to produce a first-class biodegradable wipe.

The so-called Wetlace CP process combines the benefits of two forming technologies (inline drylaid and wetlaid web forming process) with bonding by hydroentanglement. Natural fibers can be processed smoothly and generate a high-performance and cost-efficient wipe that is fully biodegradable and plastic-free.

ANDRITZ developed the new neXline wetlace CP line in order to serve the new market trend of sustainable wipes. Lotus Teknik supported the development from a roll goods producer and converter perspective. The partnership follows the successful installation of an ANDRITZ high-capacity spunlace line some years ago. The Wetlace CP new generation of production technology for biodegradable wipes has resulted from ANDRITZ's extensive knowledge and considerable history of providing technologies for wood-based industries, spunlace and wetlaid roll goods, and the strong collaboration with Lotus Teknik.

Mr. Ceyhun Zincirkiran, co-owner and managing director of Lotus Teknik, says *"This new line will help us to serve our customers with state-of-the-art biodegradable and sustainable products. These wipes will set new benchmarks in the market and secure our position as one of the industry leaders in wipes production."*

Lotus Teknik A.Ş. is a leading nonwoven roll good producer and a member of the Sapro group. Sapro is based in Istanbul, Turkey, and is one of the top three producers of wet wipes globally. The company produces, converts, and supplies some 120 million wipes a day for personal, household, and industrial use, exporting 70% of its production to countries all across Europe and to the Middle East, the USA, Canada and Australia. Lotus Teknik operates ANDRITZ lines (spunlace, and as from end of 2021 also Wetlace CP) producing roll goods for a wide variety of nonwoven end products.

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