



PRESS RELEASE

ANDRITZ to supply tissue plant to Astrabel, Croatia

GRAZ, SEPTEMBER 1, 2021. International technology Group ANDRITZ has received an order from Astrabel d.o.o. to supply a tissue plant for cost-efficient production of high-quality grades to its mill in Belišće, Croatia. Start-up is planned for 2023.

The turn-key project includes stock preparation, tissue machine with air systems and rewinder, complete electrification and automation, and pumps.

The stock preparation plant will be equipped with a FibreSolve FSV pulper for energy-efficient bale pulping as well as HD cleaning, deflaking, TwinFlo disc refining and headbox screening machinery in the approach flow system.

The tissue machine is a *PrimeLineCOMPACT S 1300* with a design speed of 1,300 m/min and will produce a paper web that is 2.85 m wide. It is equipped with a 15 ft. *PrimeDry Steel Yankee* and a *PrimeDry Hood COMBO* (combined efficiency hood with wet blowing and dry suction) to enable energy-efficient production.

Metris UX – the ANDRITZ digitalization platform with fully embedded ANDRITZ Distributed Control System Metris X – and numerous applications for remote assistance as well as process and production optimization will enable maximum mill performance.

Dinko Burić, M.D., Mayor of the city of Belišće, explains: *“This investment is not only a major step for Astrabel but also for our city. ANDRITZ offers a perfect solution with local proximity as well as the opportunity to conduct trials and train the staff at their tissue pilot plant in Austria.”* Prof. Milorad Krgović, PhD, Chairman of the Board of Astrabel, adds: *“We are looking forward to receiving our state-of-the-art tissue production line that aims at sustainable, high-quality tissue production.”*

Astrabel d.o.o. is a newly formed company for tissue production located in Belišće, Croatia. The tissue produced will be sold primarily on the domestic market to meet the growing demand for toilet paper, napkins and kitchen roll.

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PrimeLineCOMPACT tissue machine

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ANDRITZ PULP & PAPER

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