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Türkiye's largest wood panel producer starts up third ANDRITZ MDF production line

GRAZ, MAY 26, 2023. Kastamonu Entegre Ağaç Sanayi ve Ticaret A.Ş. (KEAS) started up its new fiber preparation line for MDF (Medium Density Fiberboard) production at its mill in Balıkesir, Türkiye. KEAS is the largest wood panel producer in Türkiye and now successfully operates three production lines supplied by ANDRITZ.

Hasan Akpınar, Global Investment and Projects Director of KEAS, says: *"We have relied on ANDRITZ MDF technology and service for many years and are very satisfied with the results. Our new line from ANDRITZ is equipped with a pressurized refining system for low electricity and thermal energy consumption. This perfectly contributes to our sustainability strategy."*

The new line has a capacity of 60 t/h and processes pine, beech and oak wood. Its centerpiece is the pressurized refining system, which includes a 24" plug screw feeder and a high-capacity S2070M refiner. The high dewatering efficiency of the plug screw feeder ahead of the high-pressure zone ensures low thermal and electrical energy consumption, which is one of the major benefits of the ANDRITZ pressurized refining system.

ANDRITZ's scope also included supply of a gravity-fed HQ-Chipper, a chip bin discharger and a digester, as well as supervision of mechanical installation and start-up.

KEAS, part of Hayat Holding, was established in 1969 and specializes in the production of wood-based panels for the furniture, interior decoration, and construction industries. It has more than six locations in Türkiye and several manufacturing plants worldwide.

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Part of the ANDRITZ scope is a high-capacity S2070 refiner

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