



PRESS RELEASE

ANDRITZ to supply new debarking and chipping line to Nordic Paper Bäckhammar mill, Sweden

GRAZ, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023. ANDRITZ has received an order from Nordic Paper to deliver a new wood room with chip and bark handling for its Bäckhammar mill in Sweden. The new wood room contributes to meeting the very high pulp quality standards at the Bäckhammar mill. The plant will have the capacity to process over 1.4 million m3 of pine and spruce logs annually. Start-up is scheduled for the fourth quarter of 2025.

Christian Persson, Director of Operations at Nordic Paper, says: *“The investment will further improve sustainability performance and strengthen the competitiveness of Nordic Paper Bäckhammar mill. The new wood room provides for both strategic flexibility in raw material sourcing and efficiency gains in production.”*

The new wood room will be the benchmark in sustainable solutions in the wood handling area. The delivery includes a new debarking and chipping line with steam de-icing in the debarking drum, which ensures a high debarking degree with low wood losses and at the same time saves energy. This technology also drastically reduces water use and effluent water load. Chipping in horizontally fed HHQ-Chippers ensures efficient use of the wood raw material and provides the highest chip quality on the market.

Efficient operation is supported by key digital packages from the ANDRITZ Autonomous Wood Processing product portfolio, which optimizes production and quality and ensures low wood losses. Chip quality is monitored with Metris ChipSCAN technology. The energy value of the bark will be maximized with the unique and further developed HQ-Press bark press and BioCrusher solution.

Nordic Paper is a leading specialty paper producer based in Scandinavia. At Bäckhammar, Nordic Paper manufactures unbleached kraft papers of different qualities primarily for packaging end-uses. The raw material is pulpwood from sustainably managed forests in mid-Sweden as well as sawmill chips. Products made from paper from Bäckhammar include for example sacks for flour, carrier bags and bread pouches. The main market is in Europe, but the papers are shipped all over the world.

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ANDRITZ GROUP

International technology group ANDRITZ offers a broad portfolio of innovative plants, equipment, systems, services and digital solutions for a wide range of industries and end markets. Sustainability is an integral part of the company's business strategy and corporate culture. With its extensive portfolio of sustainable products and solutions, ANDRITZ aims to make the greatest possible contribution to a sustainable future and help its customers achieve their sustainability goals. ANDRITZ is a global market leader in all four of its business areas – Pulp & Paper, Metals, Hydro and Separation. Technological leadership and global presence are cornerstones of the group's strategy, which is focused on long-term profitable growth. The publicly listed group has around 29,900 employees and over 280 locations in more than 40 countries.

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ANDRITZ Pulp & Paper provides sustainable technology, automation, and service solutions for the production of all types of pulp, paper, board and tissue. The technologies and services focus on increased production efficiency, lower overall operating costs as well as innovative decarbonization strategies and autonomous plant operation.

The product portfolio also includes boilers for power generation, flue gas cleaning systems, various nonwoven technologies, and panelboard (MDF) production systems. With waste-to-value recycling, shredding and energy solutions, waste and by-product streams from production are converted into valuable secondary raw materials as well as into sustainable resources for energy generation. State-of-the-art IIoT technologies as part of Metris digitalization solutions complete the comprehensive product offering.