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# ANDRITZ enters partnership with NETZSCH-Feinmahltechnik for alternative protein production solutions

*GRAZ, MARCH 19, 2024.* International technology group ANDRITZ and NETZSCH-Feinmahltechnik GmbH, a leader in grinding and classifying technologies, have entered a strategic partnership to collaborate on serving the alternative protein market with future-oriented technologies and processes.

The collaboration will bring together NETZSCH's expertise in fine grinding and subsequent classifying to extract a protein-rich fraction with ANDRITZ's extensive know-how in key processes such as conditioning, extraction, dewatering, drying, extrusion, and pelleting complemented by advanced process automation and a first-class global service offering. Tailor-made process solutions include conceptual design, process engineering, implementation, automation, and maintenance of turn-key plants, as well as trials in the laboratories.

One key aspect of this partnership is the commitment to energy efficiency. The companies provide innovative technologies and processes that enable a significant reduction in energy consumption and thus create both ecological and economic added value.

Christian Kling, Director Business Development for Alternative Protein Solutions at ANDRITZ, says: "We are very pleased to have found a partner in NETZSCH that shares and strengthens our vision for the alternative protein market. It is an exciting market but moving from lab to industrial scale can be challenging. ANDRITZ – as a trusted partner on the side of its customers – not only has the production technology but also helps customers speed up commercialization and bridge the gap to full-scale production. With a history of 170 years, we have been engineering and implementing solutions for many industries including food and feed for decades."

"With NETZSCH-developed innovative milling and classifying processes, we are responding to the pressing needs of the food industry and supporting more sustainable and efficient food production," explains Matthias Kapp, Vice President Business Field Food & Pharma at NETZSCH. "Based on our technology and in collaboration with ANDRITZ, our focus is to further improve the quality and availability of plant-based protein sources to meet the growing global demand."

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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, Hydropower and Environment & Energy. 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 30,000 employees and over 280 locations in more than 80 countries.

### **NETZSCH GRINDING & DISPERSING**

NETZSCH is a leading process engineering company specializing in the processing of dry and wet materials. With an extensive product portfolio that includes machines and systems for comminution, ultrafine grinding and classification, NETZSCH serves customers in the chemical, minerals, energy solutions and food production sectors. In the latter, for example, the focus is on the preparation of fat-based confectionery masses as well as processes for protein concentrate production from legumes. The bundling of processing know-how, our extensive machine program, solutions for customer-specific problems and our global presence are unique and hence the strength of the business unit. Our performance standards are high. We promise our customers Proven Excellence – exceptional performance in everything we do, proven time and again since 1873.