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ANDRITZ successfully starts up its second tissue production line at Xuong Giang Paper, Vietnam

GRAZ, APRIL 2, 2024. International technology group ANDRITZ has successfully started up its second tissue production line at Xuong Giang Paper in Song Khê - Nội Hoàng Industry Park, Bắc Giang Province, Vietnam. With this new line Xuong Giang Paper's tissue capacity will reach up to 72,000 tons per year.

Like the machine supplied by ANDRITZ in 2020, the new *PrimeLineCOMPACT S 1300* tissue machine processes virgin pulp to produce high-quality facial, toilet and towel paper with a speed of 1,300 m/min and a paper width of 2.85 meters. It is equipped with a 12-ft. *PrimeDry Steel Yankee* with a steam-heated hood ensuring highly efficient drying and energy cost savings. ANDRITZ also supplied fabrics and rolls and a tailored automation system, including *PrimeControl* machine and distributed control systems.

The stock preparation plant is split into separate systems for short and long fibers with high-consistency (HC) refining to achieve better fiber quality in terms of strength, softness and absorbency compared to conventional low-consistency systems. HC refining also allows to save long fibers and thus reduce production costs. It is the first time that such an HC refining system is installed in tissue production in Southeast Asia. ANDRITZ's scope of supply also included an approach flow system, fiber recovery and broke handling equipment as well as pumps.

Tran Xuan Nam, Mill Director, Xuong Giang Paper, says: *"Although we experienced this before when our first ANDRITZ tissue line went into operation, we were still excited to see the first paper on reel from the second line. We are proud to be able to continue and expand our strategy of sustainable high-quality tissue production. Especially the HC refining system and the steel Yankee with the steam-heated hood make a difference in terms of fiber quality and energy efficiency."*

The *PrimeLine* tissue machine for Xuong Giang Paper is the fifth one supplied by ANDRITZ to the Vietnamese market in recent years and once again proves ANDRITZ's position as a leading supplier to the Asian tissue industry.

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First paper on reel at Xuong Giang Paper's second ANDRITZ tissue line.

From left to right: Tran Xuan Nam, Deputy General Director of Xuong Giang Paper, Director of Xuong Giang Paper Factory; Ha Ngoc Hoa, Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors, Xuong Giang Paper; Ngo Van Khanh, General Director of Xuong Giang Paper, Chairman of the Board of Directors; Ji Haihong, ANDRITZ Project Manager; Xie Hui, ANDRITZ Vice Director Project Execution Automation; Chen Zhijian, ANDRITZ Deputy Process & Plant Engineering Director

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