



PRESS RELEASE

HEINZEL GROUP successfully starts up paper machine converted by ANDRITZ at Steyrermühl, Austria

GRAZ, MAY 29, 2024. International technology group ANDRITZ has completed the conversion of a graphic paper machine at HEINZEL GROUP's Steyrermühl mill in Austria. After a successful start-up, the machine is now producing kraft papers for packaging which are marketed under HEINZEL GROUP's well-established Starkraft brand. This enables Heintel Pöls/Starkraft to take a major step forward in sustainable paper production and global expansion.

The rebuilt machine is running smoothly with a capacity of 150,000 tons of brown and white kraft paper per year and a paper width of 6,300 mm at the reel. Starkraft offers a full range of 40 to 100 gsm kraft papers. This strategic investment allows Heintel's Starkraft division to produce a total of up to 350,000 tons of kraft paper per year.

ANDRITZ introduced a unique headbox and gapformer concept combined with a shoe press that achieves significant energy savings. ANDRITZ's softnip calender technology results in premium paper surface qualities. Moreover, ANDRITZ provided a new VIB SteamTech profiling system and an upgrade of the existing steam and condensate system.

The scope of supply also included upgrades of the stock preparation, approach flow, and broke handling systems, as well as extensive upgrades of the automation systems, detail engineering packages, and mechanical erection.

The conversion at the Steyrermühl mill is the latest project in the long and successful cooperation between ANDRITZ and the HEINZEL GROUP. Previous ANDRITZ references include the conversion of the PM10 at Laakirchen and the supply of new MG paper machines (PM3 and PM2) for the Pöls mill. Starkraft, a business unit of Heintel Pöls, is part of the HEINZEL GROUP, a family-owned pulp and paper group based in Austria.

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Successful start up after conversion of the PM6 paper machine at Steyrermühl, Austria

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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.

ANDRITZ PULP & PAPER

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, 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.