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ANDRITZ to supply high-speed double-width tissue machine to Juthor Paper, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

GRAZ, DECEMBER 10, 2024. International technology group ANDRITZ has received a major order for a tissue production line from Juthor Paper Manufacturing Co., part of Middle East Paper Co. (MEPCO) Group, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Start-up is scheduled for 2026. The value of the order will not be disclosed.

The line will be equipped with the latest ANDRITZ technologies from stock preparation to the reel to ensure low energy consumption and high product quality. The tissue machine will be one of the world's fastest high-capacity machines, with a design speed of 2200 m/min and up to 5.47 m width at the reel. A comprehensive automation and digitalization package will contribute to high performance and operational efficiency.

Adel Alfar, Director Operations, Juthor Paper says: *"We partnered with ANDRITZ because they are a high-end technology provider with a focus on optimized energy consumption for high-capacity and high-quality tissue production. Their commitment to support us in achieving our targets has convinced us."*

The production line includes the following technological highlights:

- **ShortFlow stock preparation system with double dilution** to enable significant energy savings through screening at higher consistency.
- **Papillon refiner** with cylindrical refining zone to combine gentle and homogenous fiber treatment from inlet to outlet. Easily accessible refiner segments enable fast and efficient maintenance.
- **PrimeLine™ W 2200 tissue machine** equipped with the latest generation PrimePress XT Evo shoe press for optimum bulk levels at highest sheet dryness in the market. In combination with the steel Yankee and hood with co-generation system, lowest possible energy consumption is achieved.
- **Premium clothing** developed exclusively for this type of tissue machine with StrataPress T felt, Impulse shoe press belts and ANDRITZ Bonetti doctors to achieve top formation, high dryness, and low drying energy consumption.
- **Metris** Automation & Digitalization platform including Metris X, a hardware-independent and fully integrated distributed control system (iDCS), and its latest applications to enhance performance and efficiency of the plant. To ensure a swift ramp-up and a well-trained workforce, an advanced Operator Training Simulator is part of the package (Metris OTS).





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The order will be executed on an EPC basis, including engineering, procurement, installation, and commissioning.

Gerald Steiner, Senior Vice President Paper & Tissue, ANDRITZ, says: *“High speed, high capacity, and high quality – Juthor Paper is pursuing an impressive growth strategy, and we are proud to be the chosen partner on this journey! With all the expertise in both companies, we look forward to setting new standards in tissue production together – not only in terms of volume and efficiency, but also for sustainability and digitalization.”*

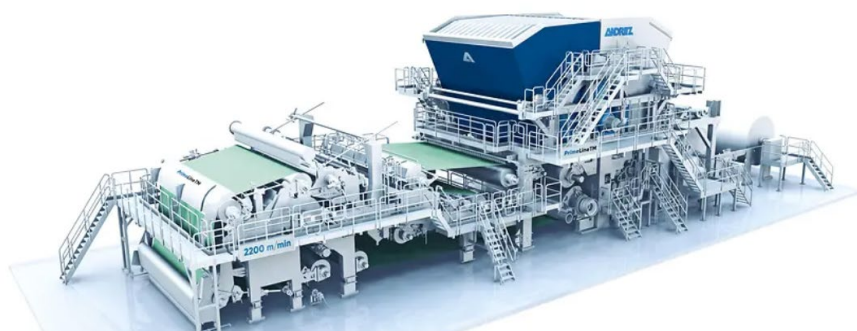
Middle East Paper Co. is one of the largest paper manufacturers in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. With the foundation of Juthor Paper, MEPCO entered the tissue market a couple of years ago.

This order confirms the successful partnership between MEPCO and ANDRITZ and marks another milestone in ANDRITZ's support of industry worldwide with resource-efficient and innovative technologies.

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Signing of the contract: (left) Rob Jan Renders, CEO MEPCO Group, and Gerald Steiner, Senior Vice President Paper & Tissue, ANDRITZ.



High-speed tissue production with ANDRITZ PrimeLine technology.



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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.