



PRESS RELEASE

Innovation in textile recycling: new ANDRITZ tearing line supports research at Aitex center, Spain

GRAZ, JANUARY 29, 2025. International technology group ANDRITZ has supplied and commissioned a state-of-the-art reXline tearing installation at Aitex in Alicante, one of Europe's largest textile research and development centers. This customized line enhances Aitex's capabilities for textile recycling trials and expands its portfolio of innovative recycling solutions.

Aitex is Spain's leading center for research, innovation and advanced technical services for the textile industry and the only Spanish center accredited to issue OEKO-TEX® certifications. With the installation of the new ANDRITZ equipment, Aitex strengthens its support for customers from various industries including geotextile and agrotextile, automotive, and fashion.

The reXline tearing equipment can process a large variety of raw materials and has been customized to meet Aitex's specific needs for R&D projects focused on recycling post-industrial and post-consumer waste.

"This collaboration with ANDRITZ allows us to expand our trial capabilities and enhance services we provide to our customers," said Vincent Blanes, CEO of Aitex. "The new equipment efficiently supports the growing demand for textile recycling solutions and ensures our R&D remains at the forefront of innovation."

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Cut textile pieces before tearing process



New ANDRITZ reXline tearing line in operation at Aitex

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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.