



PRESS RELEASE

ANDRITZ to supply three spunlace lines to Alear Silk Road New Materials, China

GRAZ, APRIL 24, 2025. International technology group ANDRITZ has received an order from the Chinese nonwovens company Alear Silk Road New Materials Co., Ltd. to deliver three complete neXline aXcess spunlace crosslapped lines for the production of nonwovens. This investment represents an important step in the company's expansion and the development of the nonwovens industry in the Alear area of Xinjiang province.

The lines will process viscose and cotton fibers to produce nonwovens for the hygiene and medical markets. ANDRITZ's complete spunlace production lines ensure perfect web uniformity and high tensile strength at high output rates, enabling Alear Silk Road to meet the growing market demand. The state-of-the-art Profile® crosslappers will help reduce operating costs by improving even distribution of fiber. Start-up is scheduled for the fourth quarter of 2025.

Feng Quanzhi, General Manager of Alear Silk Road New Materials, said: *"ANDRITZ's advanced technology will help us achieve high production efficiency to meet the market's demand for high-quality nonwoven fabrics and support our sustainability goals. This project is a remarkable milestone in the expansion of our company and the beginning of a long-term collaboration with ANDRITZ."*

Shi Wei, Vice President of ANDRITZ Paper and Textile Asia Pacific, commented: *"We are honored by the trust that Alear Silk Road has placed in us with this major order and look forward to our long-term partnership. Together, we aim to promote the sustainable development of the nonwovens industry in Xinjiang province and contribute to regional economic growth and industrial advancement."*

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Feng Quanzhi, General Manager of Alear Silk Road New Materials, and Shi Wei, Vice President of ANDRITZ Paper and Textile Asia Pacific



Alear Silk Road New Materials and ANDRITZ teams at CIDPEX exhibition after the official signature ceremony



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ANDRITZ GROUP

International technology group ANDRITZ provides advanced plants, equipment, services, and digital solutions for a wide range of industries, including pulp and paper, metals, hydropower, environmental, and others. Founded in 1852 and headquartered in Austria, the publicly listed group employs about 30,000 people at 280 locations in over 80 countries.

As a global leader in technology and innovation, ANDRITZ is committed to fostering progress that benefits customers, partners, employees, society, and the environment. The company's growth is driven by sustainable solutions enabling the green transition, advanced digitalization for highest industrial performance, and comprehensive services that maximize the value of customers' plants over their entire life cycle. ANDRITZ. FOR GROWTH THAT MATTERS.

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.