



PRESS RELEASE

ANDRITZ spunlace line successfully started up in Tashkent, Uzbekistan

GRAZ, MAY 5, 2025. International technology group ANDRITZ has successfully started up a complete neXline spunlace line for International Paper LLC Uzbek at its plant in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

The new production line enables International Paper LLC to produce high-quality spunlace wipes, both under its own brand and for other converters. This expansion opens new market opportunities, addressing the growing demand for spunlace wipes in Uzbekistan and neighboring countries. Additionally, the project aligns with the company's sustainability goals by reducing its carbon footprint through minimized intercontinental shipments and boosting local employment in the Tashkent area.

The state-of-the-art neXline spunlace line features advanced technology, including TT cards, making it the most powerful equipment of its kind in Central Asia. With a production capacity exceeding 10,000 tons annually, it is capable of processing both viscose and polyester fibers. The fully integrated line allows International Paper LLC to vertically integrate its spunlace roll goods production with its existing wipes converting capacity.

ANDRITZ has also supported International Paper LLC by providing access to financing solutions, establishing an unprecedented partnership with BPI France, the French public investment bank. This collaboration has enabled International Paper LLC to secure attractive financing through a buyer's credit under the French export promotion scheme, as well as an advantageous financing contract with Uzbek Leasing JV.

Zakirov Sanjar, one of the founders of International Paper LLC, says: *"This new equipment will help us scale our business. ANDRITZ has supported us at every stage of this ambitious project, enabling us to maintain our leading position in the regional market while ensuring excellent product quality."*

Operating under the ELMA brand since 2003, International Paper LLC is one of the largest producers of sanitary and hygienic papers in Uzbekistan, as well as in Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, and Kyrgyzstan.

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neXline spunlace line by ANDRITZ Nonwoven in International Paper LLC Uzbek's plant in Tashkent, Uzbekistan



Baby wipes produced by International Paper LLC Uzbek and sold under the ELMA label



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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.