



## PRESS RELEASE

# Norske Skog Skogn selects ANDRITZ technology to start book paper production

**GRAZ, JULY 1, 2025.** Norske Skog Skogn is preparing to enter the European book paper market supported by a comprehensive technology package developed in collaboration with international technology group ANDRITZ. This solution will enable the conversion of Paper Machine 1 (PM1) to flexibly produce both newsprint and the new NOR Book grade. Norske Skog aims to become one of the top three suppliers of wood-containing book paper in Europe. Start-up is planned for the second quarter of 2026.

The project includes technological and digital upgrades that will allow the mill to produce over 140,000 t/a, with the ability to shift production between newsprint and book paper. As the technology and equipment partner, ANDRITZ will deliver a tailored package to rebuild the existing calender including:

- *PrimeRoll* MHV – a hydraulically controlled self-loading roll, designed for highly even paper profiles and reduced energy consumption, as it is operated without the need for thermal heating.
- ANDRITZ Multi Master Control System – a digital control and automation system that ensures stable operations, high-quality output, and production flexibility.

The performance and reliability of the roll technology were validated through extensive trials at the ANDRITZ Paper Technology Center in Krefeld, Germany. In addition, ANDRITZ performed pre-engineering on-site and collaborated closely with Norske Skog to ensure optimal integration into PM1 and consistent quality in both newsprint and book paper modes.

*“The technology we developed with ANDRITZ gives us the flexibility to adapt production based on market demand, while ensuring product quality and sustainability,”* said Peder Lutdal, Development Manager at Norske Skog Skogn. *“This strategic step strengthens our market position, diversifies our portfolio, and supports our ambition to become a top-three supplier of book paper in Europe.”*

Norske Skog Skogn's switch to 100% virgin fiber in 2024 allows the use of high-quality thermo-mechanical pulp, enabling production of bright and bulky book paper grades. Coupled with the mill's exceptionally low CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, the new NOR Book product offers a sustainable alternative in the wood-containing book paper market.

*“This project showcases the strength of our partnership with Norske Skog and our ability to deliver customized, high-performance solutions,”* said Ville Nikkanen, Senior Sales Manager Paper & Board at ANDRITZ. *“The PrimeRoll MHV and Multi Master system provide the technical backbone for Skogn's flexible production goals.”*





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The value of the order will not be disclosed. It is included in ANDRITZ's order intake in the second quarter of 2025.

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The Norske Skog Skogn mill – being upgraded with ANDRITZ technology for future NOR Book paper production. © Norske Skog Skogn

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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**

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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.