



PRESS RELEASE

Three ANDRITZ spunlace lines start operating at Alar Silk Road New Materials in China

GRAZ, JANUARY 27, 2026. Alar Silk Road New Materials and ANDRITZ have successfully commissioned three spunlace lines in crosslapped configuration at Alar's facility in Aral City, Xinjiang, China. The new lines strengthen Alar's capacity to produce high-quality nonwovens and support the development of a more resource-efficient and sustainable ecosystem for the region's hygiene and medical industries.

The neXline spunlace lines from ANDRITZ process viscose and/or cotton fibers to produce nonwoven fabrics that meet stringent quality requirements for hygiene and medical end uses. The lines deliver excellent web uniformity, strong tensile properties, and high production rates, enabling Alar to meet the growing market demand. The latest Profile™ crosslappers help reduce operating costs by ensuring even fiber distribution.

Xueyan Li, General Manager of Alar Silk Road New Materials, said: *"Since production began in November, the lines have been operating reliably and safely. We are continuing to optimize processes and energy use to further increase efficiency and create greater value for our customers."*

Quanzhi Feng, Chairman of Alar Silk Road New Materials, added: *"The partnership with ANDRITZ has exceeded our expectations. The first line was commissioned in record time, demonstrating the professionalism of the ANDRITZ team. This gives us great confidence as we continue to expand our production capacity."*

ANDRITZ will continue to support Alar in further advancing its operations. The two companies plan to deepen their cooperation in innovation, digitalization, and energy efficiency to implement Alar's goals and contribute to sustainable industrial development in the Xinjiang region.

Alar Silk Road New Materials Co., Ltd., based in Aral City, Xinjiang, is a leading producer of high-quality nonwovens for hygiene, medical, and care applications. Using the region's rich cotton resources, the company develops advanced materials supported by strong technological capabilities. Alar also drives innovation in renewable raw materials, converting resources such as reed into high-value pulp, which supports circular economy goals. Through continuous collaboration and technological development, the company is building a modern, internationally competitive industrial base.

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Group photo at the Alar Silk Road New Materials production site, symbolizing the successful commissioning of three spunlace crosslapping lines



ANDRITZ neXline spunlace lines in operation at Alar Silk Road New Materials in Aral City, Xinjiang, China



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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.