



PRESS RELEASE

Vanachai achieves first fiber production with pressurized refining system from ANDRITZ

GRAZ, JUNE 8, 2026. Vanachai Group Public Company Ltd. has successfully started up a pressurized refining system from ANDRITZ, producing first fibers at its new medium-density fiberboard (MDF) facility in Chonburi, Thailand. This marks an important milestone as Vanachai continues to expand its wood-based panel production capabilities.

The pressurized refining system is engineered to process hardwoods and various wood blends, with material introduced to the refiner via a constant feeder. This configuration ensures highly stable and uniform fiber processing across the full throughput range. As the core of the line, an S-Series pressurized refiner ensures robust processing and consistently high fiber quality while maintaining low specific energy consumption. The durable and service-oriented design of the system components facilitates routine maintenance and reduces operating costs for Vanachai.

“The successful start-up is a meaningful moment for us,” said Phumsakdi Chullavullibha, Assistant Managing Director at Vanachai. *“We are pleased to have started fiber production with the new system and appreciate ANDRITZ’s involvement throughout the project. Its technical expertise has played an important role in successfully bringing the line into operation.”*

This achievement underscores the effective cooperation between Vanachai and ANDRITZ, reflecting their shared commitment to stable and resource-efficient production performance.

Vanachai Group Public Company Ltd. is one of Thailand’s leading producers of wood-based panel products, including medium-density fiberboard, particleboard, and oriented strand board. The company is recognized for its long-standing commitment to sustainable raw-material use and efficient manufacturing processes.

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Successful start-up of the new pressurized refining system supplied by ANDRITZ to Vanachai

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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.

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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.