



PRESS RELEASE

Gold Hongye starts up two ANDRITZ high-consistency refining systems

GRAZ, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026. Gold Hongye Paper Group Co., Ltd. has successfully started up two ANDRITZ *PrimeRefine* HC T refining systems for tissue stock preparation at its Rudong mill in Nantong, Jiangsu, and its Xiaogan mill in Hubei, China. The new systems will help Gold Hongye optimize raw material utilization while maintaining high tissue quality.

Each *PrimeRefine* HC T system includes a screw press and a high-consistency refiner. Compared with conventional low-consistency refining, the process significantly reduces fiber cutting and lowers the content of fines, enabling short fibers to contribute more effectively to sheet strength. This provides tissue producers with an effective solution for optimizing fiber furnish while preserving product quality.

To date, more than 50 ANDRITZ *PrimeRefine* HC T systems are in operation or under execution for raw materials such as hardwood, bamboo, bagasse, and reed pulp. The technology can reduce long-fiber consumption while maintaining or slightly improving key tissue properties, resulting in cost and quality benefits that have led to strong customer recognition and repeat orders.

Gold Hongye Paper Group Co., Ltd. was established in 1996 and is the tissue business unit of APP China. It is also one of China's large-scale paper manufacturers operating an integrated forestry–pulp–paper production model. The group operates 12 manufacturing plants across China and owns major tissue brands.

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New *PrimeRefine* HC T refining system at Rudong mill (left) and at Xiaogan mill (right)

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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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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.