

WHAT'S NEW

THE MONTH IN PICTURES



Dev Priya Industries, India, commissioned Voith Paper Automation with the stepwise upgrade of its PM 2 at Meersut. Amit Gupta, technical director, says that Voith Automation provides the mill with "deep process knowledge".



Burrows Paper has completed work on the extensive rebuild of its PM 41 at Pickens, MS. Metso supplied a new 15-ft MG cylinder and integrated hood. A new winder was also installed.

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PROJECTS TO WATCH THIS MONTH

At the end of February 2011, **Model Group** revealed plans to upgrade the sole paper machine, PM 2, at its Aarepapier recycled containerboard mill in Niedergösgen, Switzerland. The firm will replace the PM's forming section with a new one supplied by Voith, in a bid to improve the paper quality. The 160,000 tonne/yr machine will be stopped throughout

July 2011 as a result. The Niedergösgen mill manufactures testliner 3 with a basis weight of 120-220 g/m² and wellenstoff in the range of 100-170 g/m².

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"We're very pleased to see this deal come together. This project is great news, and it was achieved without the direct investment of taxpayers' money. It is further proof we have created the right business climate and a strong economy that attracts new investment, activity and jobs to Saskatchewan." Saskatchewan (Canada) Premier Brad Wall and Energy and Resources Minister Bill Boyd on Domtar's announcement that the Prince Albert pulp mill has been sold to Paper Excellence and will be converted to produce dissolving pulp.

On January 6 2011, The Harper Government announced a new investment to protect jobs in Canada's forest industry through the Pulp and Paper Green Transformation Program. The announcement will benefit **Alberta Pacific Forest Industries (Alpac)**.

As part of the Pulp and Paper Green Transformation Program, the Boyle mill will receive \$62.9 million to be used for upgrades that will improve the mill's energy efficiency and allow it to provide Alberta's power grid with enough green electricity to power 8,400 homes.

In December 2010, **Angara Paper** revived its project to build a 900,000-tonne/yr bleached softwood kraft (BSK) pulp mill in the Krasnoyarsk region of eastern Russia. The investment was announced in 2008 but was interrupted by difficult market conditions. Negotiations with the project's prospective partners, Russia's **Vnesheconombank (VEB)** and Sweden's **Södra**, are at the final stage. VEB is set to provide the financial support for the Rouble 45 billion (\$1.57 billion) scheme. Södra will become the project's strategic and financial partner. It will also manage the sales and marketing side of the project. The partners are still to define the site for the future mill.

For a few years now, VEB has had a similar pulp project on cards in eastern Russia, the Boguchanskiy Pulp and Paper Mill. The Rouble 87.6 billion (\$3.06 billion) scheme, which would include an 880,000-tonne/yr BSK pulp mill in Yarki, in the Krasnoyarsk region, was scheduled for completion before 2013. The project, however, has not moved beyond the groundbreaking ceremony.

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ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

AUSTRALIA

Integrated forestry company Gunns Limited nounced the Federal Government had granted the final environmental approvals for the proposed Bell Bay pulp mill. The fully plantation timber-based mill now has all approvals necessary for construction and operation. Gunns managing director Greg L'Estrange said the successful approvals were a critical step in finalising finance for the mill to begin construction.

CANADA

Kruger Products announced that it has received Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC) Chain of Custody (CoC) certification from the Rainforest Alliance's SmartWood program for its consumer and away-from-home tissue products, making it the first Canadian tissue company to achieve this standard. The company intends to apply this certification to some 150 items in its consumer and away-from-home tissue products portfolios, the largest FSC CoC-certified tissue products line-up in North America. Certified products will include tissue, towel and napkin brands, such as Cashmere, SpongeTowels, Purex, Scotties, White Swan, Embassy and Esteem. This certification ensures accountability through every step in the supply chain, from forest to product to shelf.

FINLAND

UPM, in cooperation with TuuliSaimaa, has established a wind power development company VentusVis. In the starting phase, the operations will focus on developing land areas, which are leased from UPM, for wind power production. The development work includes evaluation of the land suitability, permitting process and preparation for possible wind power construction projects and wind power production. "UPM's land assets in Finland include several areas that could be suitable for wind power production. Our target is to study the circumstances in more detail and develop the areas that are suitable for wind power production," says Anja Silvennoinen, senior vice president for UPM Energy Business Area.

INDONESIA

Jakarta-based Asia Pulp & Paper Group (APP) has joined Indonesia's leading trade associations and companies involved in exporting wood-based products to pledge its support of and commitment to Indonesia's national timber legality and traceability standards. The unified industry group also called on countries worldwide to adopt national procurement policies recognizing and endorsing Indonesian standards. "We are here today representing the Indonesia Pulp and Paper Association (APKI) and its membership across Indonesia with a simple message and call to action: APKI members are jointly committed

to 100 percent adherence to Indonesia's National Standard for wood legality. We want to send a message to the world that we will not tolerate, nor will we accept illegal wood entering the Indonesian pulp and paper supply chain," said Aida Greenbury, APP managing director. Indonesia's chain of custody (CoC) certification program, enacted in 2009, establishes strict wood legality and verification systems (Sistem Verifikasi Legalitas Kayu/SVLK) to ensure wood products exported from the country are legal and traceable to verified points of origin. SVLK certification is designed to ensure that the industry will only receive and process timber from legal sources according to the regulations of Indonesia, covering aspects of licensing, harvesting, transporting and processing for the industry. SVLK is an important step in the effort to achieve full Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) certification.

NEW ZEALAND

SCA has announced the achievement of Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Chain of Custody certification for its Tork paper manufacturing site in Kawerau. FSC certification is an independent global standard for tracing a product back along the supply chain to the origin of its fibre, and represents global best practise in responsible forestry. Mark Stevens, SCA Hygiene Australasia's Head of Sales New Zealand, says the FSC certification applies to a wide range of Tork toilet tissue, hand towel and wiper products, and adds further strength to its existing environmentally responsible range.

SWEDEN

Södra has opened its six wind farms at its industrial site outside Mönsterås. The project has taken three and a half years to complete, with six wind farms producing an estimated annual production of 32 GWh, enough electricity for around 6,000 households. In early March, four wind farms that Södra owns together with Statkraft also opened. These are situated just north of Södra's industrial site in Mönsterås. Over the next few years, Södra and Statkraft are planning a major joint initiative to include 30 or so projects at various locations in Sweden, with a total output of around 600 megawatts (MW). "By building these wind farms next to the mill in Mönsterås, we have been able to optimise our excellent coastal position in terms of the amount of wind available, and we have also used the existing infrastructure and built on it," said Gustaf Tibblin, CEO of Södra Vind.

UNITED STATES

Clean Energy Pathways, alternative energy and renewable energy solutions company, has been selected by Buckeye Technologies to provide