

newsprint and PM2 SC grades.

Spanish UWF manufacturer **Nueva Papelera de Besaya** is not going to reopen.

Oji Paper is in talks with **Fibria Celulose** on the possible acquisition of Fibria's Piracicaba specialty paper mill, which runs one PM with a capacity of 160,000tpy of woodfree paper, mainly thermal and carbonless copy paper.

Belgian producer of hygiene articles **Ontex** is considering the closure of its napkin production plant in Villefranche-sur-Saône.

OpenGate Capital has signed an agreement to acquire two subsidiaries of **Cascades, Inc.: Cascades Boxboard Group - Connecticut LLC**, a paper mill located in Versailles, CT, and **Cascades Boxboard US, Inc.**, a converting facility in Hebron, KY.

French fine paper manufacturer **Papeteries des Chatelles** was placed in receivership on July 5. The company runs one PM and produces 40,000tpy of UWF, mainly copy paper.

Rengo Co. Ltd. has resumed operations of its subsidiary **Marusan Paper Mfg. Co. Ltd.** Marusan Paper's facilities, which produce containerboard and specialty papers using three PMs, were damaged by the earthquake earlier this year; the site is located only 25km from the Fukushima No.1 Nuclear Power Plant.

Saber plans to shut down its TM5 and to focus on PM3, in an attempt to stave off bankruptcy.

SAICA has expanded into Eastern Europe with the joint acquisition, in association with the Germany-based packaging group **Thimm**, of Polish corrugated packaging business **Tektura Opakowania Paper**.

Sappi Southern Africa has shut the Adamas fine paper mill which produced

40,000tpy of UWF paper. The volumes have been transferred to Sappi's Enstra and Tugela mills, also based in South Africa.

Sappi's search for a buyer for the Biberist mill and for two of the three fine PMs, failed; the mill has now been shut permanently.

SCA is acquiring 95% of the Turkish incontinence care products company **San Saglik** from the **MT Group**.

Smurfit Kappa Group has taken the decision to permanently close its French Nanterre plant, which produced around 160,000tpy of recycled fluting.

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Sonoco-Alcore is making investments in three of its European mills: Cirie mill - Italy, Kilkis mill - Greece, and Nordhorn mill, Germany.

Sonoco UK Ltd. has completed acquisition of the assets of **Robinson Paperboard Packaging Ltd.**, a division of **Robinson PLC**.

Stora Enso is planning to build a pre-commercial plant for the production of microfibrillated cellulose at its Imatra mill. The company has also concluded acquisition of a 51% stake in the Chinese consumer packaging company **Inpac International**.

Private equity firm **Friesland Bank Investments** has purchased a majority shareholding in **Van Houtum**. The other shares remain in the hands of the management. A new TM will be purchased in the near future.

SUPPLIERS

ABB will buy **Lorentzen & Wettre** from **Assa Abloy AB**; the company will be incorporated into **ABB's**

process automation division.

AkzoNobel plans to acquire **Boxing Oleochemicals**, a leading chemical supplier throughout Asia. It has also entered into a cooperation agreement in China with **Quangxi CAVA Titanium Industry Co. Ltd.** to build a new titanium dioxide facility, designed to produce around 200,000tpy.

Andritz has acquired **Iggesund Tools International AB**, which supplies wood chipping and debarking equipment (mainly chipper knife systems) for pulp and saw mills.

Ashland Inc. has acquired **International Specialty Products Inc.**, a leading global supplier of specialty chemicals and performance enhancing products.

AxFlow Oy has acquired **TM-Palvelu Oy**, a pump service and piping contractor in Finland.

The **Körber Group** is planning to sell off companies which are no longer part of its core business, including **E.C.H. Will**, **Pemco** and **Kugler-Womako**, which are all part of the **Körber PaperLink Group**.

NDC Infrared Engineering, the manufacturer of web gauging equipment, has acquired the **IRM Group** (Aleur, Belgium).

Kadant Inc. has acquired **m-clean papertech AB**; the new name will be **Kadant m-clean AB**.

Metso has signed a contract to acquire the technology of **Swiss Holzmag GmbH**. Metso has also opened a new Service Center in France, at Gainneville in the Normandy area.

STOP PRESS

ABK Group has started a new company, **ABK Italia S.p.A.**, following its takeover of **Over Meccanica S.p.A.**

CEPI and the **European Commission DG Environment** are launching a

consultation for Product Footprint Category Rules for paper and paper products, linked to the forthcoming European methodology for the calculation of environmental footprint of products.

DS Smith Paper has been given approval by the **Environment Agency** for its proposed EfW facility at the Kemsley Mill.

Katz Group, a subsidiary of the **Koehler Paper Group**, has closed its specialty board mill in Großschirma, which produced material for beer coasters.

Pöyry has developed an index for analysing the environmental sustainability of pulp and paper mills - the Pöyry Green Mill Index™.

SAICA has acquired Scottish recycling company **Stirling Fibre Group**, which operates six plants across Scotland and northern England.

SCA will upgrade a TM in USA, and rebuild a PM to produce improved newsprint in Ortviken, Sweden. They will also acquire the Brazilian company **Pro Descart**, which manufactures incontinence care products.

Tullis Russell plans to axe 43 jobs at its Markinch mill, blaming high energy costs and weak demand for graphical papers.

UPM plans to remove both magazine and newsprint capacity, including: closure of the Myllykoski and Albbbruck mills, and Ettringen PM3; transfer of sheeting from Albbbruck to Plattling mill; and sale of Stracel mill. They will also temporarily close Nordland Papier PM2 and streamline operations in Pietarsaari pulp and paper mills.

AND FINALLY

The editor has received a copy of *The Pulp*, a lavish book that outlines the history of Burnie Mill in Australia. A review will appear in the November issue.

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