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### **Take-Over of Renkum PM 2 signed: Successful conversion from newsprint to packaging paper**

The PM 2 of Parenco in Renkum, Netherlands, was successfully started up just 14 months after contract signing. After a short optimization phase the customer signed the official take-over document. This rebuild increases the mill's capacity by approximately 385,000 metric tons annually.

“We are very pleased that the take-over has been signed. In the next months, we will prove that Parenco has arrived as a new supplier in the packaging paper industry” says Geert Wassens, CEO of Parenco. The conversion from newsprint to packaging paper grades will help to position Parenco as a highly competitive supplier in the packaging paper market, and broadens its paper making activities. Since 2012, Parenco is an independent company under the ownership of H2. Beside the converted PM 2, Parenco operates also the PM 1 in Renkum, which produces magazine paper (SCB) for the European market.

Just after start-up the rebuilt PM 2 already proved that the produced paper quality reaches the market demands on all points.

With a wire width of 8.4 m the paper machine was equipped with a new two-layer MasterJet Pro M2 headbox, a DuoFormer D II, a DuoCentri NipcoFlex press, a SpeedFlow sizing unit and a new CombiDuoRun after dryer section. The PM 2 produces Testliner and Fluting in a basis weight range of 70-160 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

Voith did not only rebuild the paper machine itself: Within the Process Line Package scope, Voith as general contractor also adjusted and rebuilt all adjacent processes and utilities. This also included a new OCC stock preparation and the Wet End Process. Based on the results of a pre-engineering, the scope of supply also covered all necessary adaptations on the steam, water and power supply as well as civil works.

## About Voith Paper

Voith Paper is a Group Division of Voith and is one of the leading partners and pioneers in the paper industry. Through constant innovations, Voith Paper is optimizing the paper manufacturing process, focusing on developing resource-conserving products to reduce the use of energy, water and fibers. Furthermore, Voith Paper offers a broad service portfolio for all sections of the paper manufacturing process.

## About the company

Voith sets standards in the markets for energy, oil & gas, paper, raw materials, transport & automotive. Founded in 1867, Voith employs more than 20,000 people, generates €4.3 billion in sales, operates in over 60 countries around the world and is one of the biggest family owned companies in Europe.\*

\* Excluding the discontinued Group Division Voith Industrial Services.

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