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Voith and SEPAC: Successful partners in yet another tissue machine start-up in Brazil

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São Paulo, Brazil: Voith Paper, world leader in innovation for the paper industry, completed the successful start-up of the TM 6 XcelLine machine at SEPAC, a company headquartered in the Brazilian state of Paraná that is among the country's five largest manufacturers of tissue paper for sanitary purpose. Installed in the company's Mallet plant in Paraná, the TM 6 machine went into service at the end of 2017 and produced paper within the necessary quality specifications from the very first day. The machine is capable of producing nearly 110 metric tons of paper per day and has a design speed of 2,000 meters per minute.

Voith's scope of supply covered the entire tissue machine, which was fitted with a MasterJet Pro T headbox, a CrescentFormer, a NipcoFlex T shoe press, an EvoDry Y steel plate Yankee cylinder, a high-efficiency EcoHood T hood and a MasterReel winder. The project also included the ancillary systems, automation systems, as well as installation supervision, commissioning and complete start-up assistance.

The project's main features are the NipcoFlex T shoe press and its 4.8 meter steel plate Yankee cylinder, which besides ensuring greater speed and quality, enables SEPAC's machine to consume up to 20 percent less thermal energy.

The project is part of the growth strategy pursued by SEPAC, a company focused on manufacturing tissue paper from virgin cellulose fibers, and will increase its annual production capacity to approximately 180,000 tons, making it one of the country's largest tissue manufacturers.

SEPAC's growth strategy began in 2007, with the purchase of its TM 3 from Voith. Over the last ten years, Voith has supplied four tissue machines to SEPAC – a clear demonstration of the successful partnership

built on trust and respect that the companies have developed over the period.

About SEPAC

Sepac is one of Latin America's largest tissue paper producers, with 40 years of experience in the domestic and international markets. Headquartered in the state of Paraná, the company is a market leader in the segment of tissue paper for sanitary purposes in Brazil's South Region. Its state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities in Mallet (located in the Brazilian state of Paraná) and its successful distribution network reinforce the company's significant growth potential. Sepac's towels, napkins and toilet papers are marketed in all regions of Brazil and the Mercosur countries under the Duetto, Paloma, Maxim and Stylus brands.

In 2017, Sepac also joined the personal care segment with the launch of its BabyBoo disposable diapers brand. The operation is initially focused on the special and value segments with the BabyBoo "Fases" and BabyBoo "Dia a Dia" lines, which are distinguished by their attributes of absorption, comfort and anatomical shape.

About Voith Paper

Voith Paper is a Group Division of Voith and the leading partner and pioneer 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.

Voith is a global technology group. With its wide range of systems, products, services and digital applications, Voith sets standards in the markets for energy, oil & gas, paper, raw materials and transport & automotive. Founded in 1867, Voith today has more than 19,000 employees and earns 4.2 billion euros in sales. It has locations in over 60 countries and is one of the largest family-owned companies in Europe.

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