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Little Rapids Corporation Awards Voith Paper to Supply New Tissue Machine for its Plant in Wisconsin (USA)

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São Paulo, Brazil: American specialty paper manufacturer Little Rapids Corporation has signed a contract with Voith Paper Brazil to purchase a new tissue paper machine. This new machine will replace the existing PM3, located in Shawano Wisconsin (USA).

Besides significantly improvement of paper quality, the new machine will produce 119 metric tons per day at a speed of 1830 m/min. Except for the existing Yankee dryer, which will be reused, all other machine's components will be new and based on Voith's machine model VTM 3.

In addition to the new tissue machine and auxiliaries, Voith's scope of supply includes: stock preparation, approach flow system, steam box, dust and mist removal systems, DCS systems and field services.

The project is scheduled to start in fall of this year, and the start-up is expected for the end of 2017.

About Little Rapids Corporation

Little Rapids Corporation was founded by Charles Egan in 1947 and remains a family-owned business. The company's core product lines serve the medical and beauty market segments, flexographic printing for a variety of packaging markets, and tissue, MG paper, and wet crepe paper for the specialty paper market. With headquarters and manufacturing facilities in Green Bay, the company, which employs 435, also has a paper manufacturing facility in Shawano, Wisconsin. In addition, the company donates to the region via the Little Rapids Corporation - Egan Family Foundation, a private foundation established by the Egan family in 1986 with the mission to fund charities in communities where Little Rapids Corporation has facilities.

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.

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