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### **Progroup selects Voith to supply new Propapier PM 3 packaging paper line**

- **High performance XcelLine concept as decisive factor to receive contract**
- **New PM 3 will produce 750,000 tons of testliner and corrugated medium annually**
- **Start-up planned for 2020**

**Heidenheim, Germany. German papermaker Progroup AG has chosen Voith's XcelLine machine concept for its flagship greenfield plant, Propapier PM 3 GmbH. The site is scheduled to open in 2020 in Sandersdorf-Brehna in the northwest of Leipzig.**

Progroup contracted with Voith in July to deliver PM 3, a 10,000 millimeter wire width machine with an annual production capacity of 750,000 tons of testliner and corrugated medium. Voith will supply the feeding system, BlueLine stock preparation; reject system, paper machine with hood and process air system, hall ventilation, reel spool transport system and winder. The new machine will have an operating speed of 1,600 meter per minute.

Voith Paper was selected because of the outstanding performance of its XcelLine machine concept, as well as the proven BlueLine stock preparation, clothing and roll covers, VariFlex XL winder, and mechanical roll service.

Construction is scheduled to begin on the Propapier PM 3 plant in early 2019 with completion slated for the second half of 2020. Together with Progroup's nearby facilities in Burg and Eisenhüttenstadt, the containerboard manufacturer will have a total annual production capacity of approximately 1.85 million tons.



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## About the Company

Voith Paper is a Group Division of Voith and the leading partner and pioneer in the paper industry. Through constant innovations, the technology group is continually optimizing the paper manufacturing process and paving the way for resource-saving production. Thanks to Papermaking 4.0, paper manufacturers can interconnect their equipment in an optimum way and increase their competitiveness through the effective and secure use of generated data. With Servolution, Voith Paper offers its customers tailored service solutions for all sections of the production 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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