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Voith successfully executes start-up of five BlueLine OCC stock preparation lines for Nine Dragons Paper

- The new capacity with Voith machines strengthens Nine Dragons' leading position as Asia's biggest recycled paper manufacturer
- Voith BlueLine OCC portfolio supports Nine Dragons' sustainable and low-carbon development philosophy

SHANGHAI, China. In early 2017, Voith received an order for six BlueLine OCC stock preparation lines from Nine Dragons, the largest manufacturer of packaging paper in Asia. With the recently commissioned PM 41 at the customer's Hebei site, five Voith BlueLine OCC lines, each with a production capacity of 2,000 tons per day, have now been successfully launched. The handover of the sixth line is planned for 2022.

Nine Dragons is leading the industry in sustainable paper manufacturing based on the management philosophy "no environmental management, no papermaking." The continuous expansion of new production capacity benefits Nine Dragons in strengthening its leading position in the packaging industry.

The five OCC stock preparation lines are the sole expansion that Nine Dragons has carried out over the past three years. Voith received the contract as the full-line supplier to deliver the entire approach flow systems together with the complete stock preparation portfolio.

While China is implementing restrictions on recovered fiber imports and stringent environmental regulations, papermakers are partnering up with suppliers who are offering leading sustainable solutions and technology in plant operations and stock preparation. Voith's complete OCC solution creates sustainable and eco-friendly competitive production lines with 15 to 20 percent reduction in energy consumption and at least 0.5 percent fiber savings.

The Nine Dragons project demonstrates Voith's ability to collaborate and manage the installation and commissioning of multiple orders on time, even under a tight project schedule and with the impact of COVID-19. When the pandemic strongly affected the project due to traffic and logistics interruption, Voith used all means of communication to collaborate with its customer. With a proactive and problem-solving attitude, the Voith team successfully completed the projects.

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About the Voith Group

The Voith Group is a global technology company. With its broad portfolio of systems, products, services and digital applications, Voith sets standards in the markets of energy, oil & gas, paper, raw materials and transport and automotive. Founded in 1867, the company today has more than 19,000 employees, sales of € 4.3 billion and locations in more than 60 countries worldwide and is thus one of the larger family-owned companies in Europe.

The Group Division Voith Paper is part of the Voith Group. As the full-line supplier to the paper industry, it provides the largest range of technologies, services, components and products on the market, and offers paper manufacturers solutions from a single source. The company's continuous stream of innovations takes papermaking to the next level and facilitates resource-conserving production. With its Servolution concept, Voith offers its customers tailored service solutions for all sections of the production process. Voith Papermaking 4.0 ensures that equipment is optimally connected, while the secure use of generated data enables paper manufacturers to improve plant availability and efficiency.

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