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Sun Paper started up PM 39 successfully ahead of schedule

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SHANGHAI, CHINA. On Nov. 20th, Sun Paper, one of the biggest players in China's paper industry and Voith's long-term partner, has successfully started up the XcelLine graphic paper machine PM 39 at its Yanzhou site in Shandong province, China. With joint efforts of Sun Paper and Voith, the project was completed two weeks earlier than scheduled, and after the start-up, the production is stable with qualified paper rolled out. PM 39 is the 10th Voith-supplied production line operating at Sun Paper.

"We are cooperating with a passionate team", stated Hongxin Li, Chairman of Sun Paper. "Voith is customer-oriented and highly dedicated to the work involved. We are impressed by the high efficiency of Voith's project execution. We are looking forward to greater achievements by working closely together."

The new line will release 450,000 tons per year and has become the single production line with the highest capacity at Sun Paper. As the 17th line of graphic paper grade that Voith installed in China, PM 39 boasts a width of 10.5 meters, a designed speed of 1,800 m/min, and will produce uncoated offset paper with a basis weight range of 50-100 g/m².

"PM 39 is accelerating the shift in company structure optimization, and also supports in enriching product category and is bringing in higher efficiency and profit", says Wenchun Wu, Director of Graphic Paper Business Line of Sun Paper. "Sun Paper and Voith are working closely, conquered many challenges, and realized the successful start-up, even ahead of schedule."

The project once again demonstrated Sun Paper's strong capacity in project execution. Despite the negative impact inserted by the pandemic, both parties from Sun Paper and Voith have quickly made adjustments. It took 16 months from order award to start-up. For example, the installation

of the first dryer to the main equipment completion was done within six months, and the entire commissioning process only took seven weeks.

At present, the Voith-supplied graphic paper machines PM 21, PM 24 and PM 29 operating at Sun Paper have an excellent performance in terms of quality, profit, and efficiency. And PM 39 will further enhance Sun Paper's competitiveness in this field.

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 and products on the market and offers paper manufacturers holistic solutions from a single source. The company's continuous stream of innovations facilitates resource-conserving production and helps customers minimize their carbon footprint. With its leading automation products and digitalization solutions from the Papermaking 4.0 portfolio, Voith offers its customers state-of-the-art digital technologies to improve plant availability and efficiency for all sections of the production process.



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