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Successful start-up of cutting-edge paper machine Grupo Gondi PM 7 in Mexico

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- At the beginning of January 2021, the state-of-the-art PM 7 paper machine started up at the Mexican Papel y Empaques mill in Monterrey
- Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the project was successfully completed
- Voith's sustainable and efficient technologies can further expand the market position of customer Grupo Gondi

MEXICO CITY/HEIDENHEIM. At the beginning of January, the PM 7 of Grupo Gondi, one of Mexico's largest paper manufactures, was successfully commissioned at the new Papel y Empaques mill in Monterrey. The paper machine is set to produce 400,000 tons of high-performance light weight recycled containerboard annually with Voith's leading technology.

Eduardo Posada, CEO of Grupo Gondi, says: "The plant is one of the most modern recycling board mills in Latin America. The start-up of PM 7 is an important step for us. Together with Voith, we will continue our efforts to increase our market position for high-performance lightweight recycled containerboard in Mexico and Latin America with innovative production solutions."

Felix Rocha Echeverria, Business Group Director Paper of Grupo Gondi, adds: "It was a great pleasure to work with the Gondi Voith team. The success of the project would not have been possible without our experts from Grupo Gondi and the trusting partnership with Voith. We have now laid a good basis and look forward to the next steps."

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, Voith was able to hand over the line to Grupo Gondi to its satisfaction. "We were only able to achieve this because of the successful cooperation of the entire team and the trusting partnership between Voith and Grupo Gondi," says Christian Deide, Project Manager Voith Paper. "With the PM 7, Voith contributes to Latin America's sustainable paper production."

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As a full-line supplier, Voith supplied the entire production line, including the BlueLine stock preparation line, including the conveying and reject handling, the XcelLine paper machine, as well as the MCS, DCS and QCS automation solutions. The XcelLine paper machine, with a working width of 6,600 mm at the reel and a design speed of 1,200 m/min, produces testliner and corrugating medium with basis weights in the range of 90 to 250 g/m².

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About Grupo Gondi

Grupo Gondi is a leading paper packaging company with 66 years of experience in the Mexican market. The company currently employs over 7,800 people. A total of 14 converting plants and 7 recycled paper machines are in operation. The company specializes in the production of recycled paper, corrugated boxes, pre-printed corrugated boxes and solid fiber containers, folding containers, micro-corrugated boxes and digital boxes, as well as services to support the production of these products. In total, Grupo Gondi produces more than 1.1 million tons of paper per year.

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 20,000 employees, sales of €4.2 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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