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### Voith wins order to rebuild Golbey PM 1 for future production of packaging paper

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- Norske Skog has commissioned Voith to convert the PM 1 at its Golbey mill in France to the production of recycled packaging papers.
- The customized overall concept includes the supply of an efficient BlueLine stock preparation system, the conversion of the existing machine to an XcellLine paper machine, and extensive service agreements.
- In the future, Golbey PM 1 will produce 550,000 tons of packaging paper annually with reduced use of resources.

**HEIDENHEIM/GOLBEY.** In June, one of Europe's leading producers of publication papers, Norske Skog, commissioned the technology group Voith to rebuild the PM 1 production line for the future production of recycled packaging paper. In addition to the extensive rebuild of the PM 1, Voith will supply a new BlueLine stock preparation system and efficiency-enhancing services. Located in the Vosges area, the plant will produce 550,000 tons of containerboard per year with a wire width of 9,300 mm. The focus is on lightweight packaging papers between 70 and 135 g/m<sup>2</sup>. Commissioning is scheduled for the fourth quarter of 2023.

"The order confirms our very good partnership," says Martin Schmid, Vice President Projects Sales at Voith Paper. "We are delighted that Norske Skog has chosen our state-of-the-art technological solutions. As a full-line supplier, Voith provides the customer with a system that offers the highest productivity while reducing energy and resource consumption, thus aligning production optimally for the future market."

Tore Hansesætre, Senior Vice President Strategic Projects at Norske Skog, adds that the European packaging market has an increasing need for sustainable products, among others due to the growing e-commerce.

Norske Skog can meet these demands with this investment by offering lightweight containerboard produced from green energy and 100 percent recycled materials. Tore Hansesætre adds: "We are glad to have found in Voith the perfect partner for our Golbey project."

### **State-of-the-art technology for optimized production**

The proven BlueLine stock preparation system will ensure stable stock quality with optimized fiber yield and minimal energy consumption. The core component of BlueLine is the efficient IntensaDrum pulper drum, including a sophisticated feeding system, which will process up to 2,100 tons of recovered paper daily. The scope of supply also includes the entire reject handling system, which will process up to 100 tons of rejects daily. When it comes to the paper machine, the focus is also on state-of-the-art technology. Sheet forming is based on a combination of a MasterJet Pro G2 two-layer headbox and a DuoFormer CBv shoe-blade former. The Tandem NipcoFlex press ensures maximum dry content with closed web run. The entire paper machine is equipped with ropeless threading, minimising the risk of accidents for the operating personnel.

Norske Skog will invest a total of 250 million euros in the Golbey PM 1 conversion project. Another key factor in winning the order was the ECA-covered financing support offered by Voith, which helps to minimize risk and provide credit protection.

### **About Norske Skog**

Norske Skog is a world leading producer of publication paper with strong market positions and customer relations in Europe and Australasia. The Norske Skog group operates four mills in Europe, of which two will produce recycled containerboard following planned conversion projects. In addition, the group operates one publication paper mill and one wood pellets facility in Australasia. Norske Skog aims to further diversify its operations and continue its transformation into a growing and high-margin business through a range of promising conversions, energy and fiber projects. The group has approximately 2,100 employees in five countries, is headquartered in Norway and listed on the Oslo Stock Exchange under the ticker NSKOG.

### **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 & automotive. Founded in 1867, the company today has more than 20,000

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employees, sales of €4.2 billion and locations in over 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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